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Reformed Church in the United States,

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS, IN FREDERICK, MD.,

In the Month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-second and continued until the evening of the twenty-eighth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod convened in the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Frederick County, Md., on Tuesday evening, October 22nd, A. D., 1895, at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Vice-President, Rev. W. I. Stewart, from 2 Cor. 5:14—"The love of Christ constraineth us."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the Vice-President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

Delegates Present.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers:—Aaron Spangler,[1] Gideon P. Fisher,[1] Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Francis C. Yost[2] and Morgan A. Peters.[6]

Elders:—Reuben A. Paules,[1] Henry Inners[1] and Daniel H. Weir.[1]

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—Isaac M. Motter, George A. Snyder, Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Charles W. Levan,[1] A. Thomas G. Apple,

Atvill Conner, Barton R. Carnahan, George A. Whitmore, E. Ranson Deatrick, Silas M. Hench, Charles A. Santee[2] and J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.[4]

Elders:—Edward A. Shriner, Frisby J. Davis, William Roulette, John T. Brown, John Gassman,[1] Calvin A. Thomas,[1] H. Milton Kefauver,[2] Josiah B. Zimmerman,[2] Samuel C. Thomas[31] and Atvill Conner, Sr.[6]

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—William C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., George C. Erb, Zwingli A. Yearick, Jonas B. Shontz, Franklin F. Bahner[2] and Henry N. Bassler.[4]

Elders:—Samuel Hoeflich, Andrew R. Schnebly and Casper Wicke[1].

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—George G. Everhart, Calvin B. Heller, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Albert B. Bauman, James B. Stonesifer[h] and J. Philip Harner.

Elders:—Daniel S. Rentch, James H. Myers, Americus J. Souder,[2f] Richard L. Gray,[4j] Henry W. Roller, [4i] and John E. Roller. [5i]

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers: Andrew H. Smith,[2] and Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.[4]

VI.—From Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—Peter E. Heimer,[1] Walter E. Krebs, George B. Resser,[1] George P. Stem, Franklin A. Guth[h] and John C. Bowman, D. D.

Elders:—Charles P. Gettier,[d] M. D., Conard Meyers,[h] George Wolf,[21] and Jacob N. Slagle.[2i]

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—George A. House,[h] Miles O. Noll, Samuel P. Stauffer[i] and J. David Miller.

Elders:—George Hoobach, Samuel Crist and Lewis B. Kerr.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—Edward W. Stonebraker, William A. Long, Ph. D., Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., Simon U. Waugaman, Samuel C. Stover, Titus C. Strock and John F. Moyer.[2g]

Elders:—Jacob L. Weber,[1] Robert C. Smith, John H. Stephens,[1] Jackson L. Grove, Franklin T. Crist[1] and John Brewster.

XI.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at th end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. Hiram J. Macalister occupied the seat of Rev C. A. Santee during the first two sessions, and that of Rev. C. W. Levan the last session. Rev. Joel T. Rossiter was admitted to the seat of Rev. J. S. Kieffer during the first three sessions. Rev. G. S. Gill occupied the seat of Rev. F. F. Bahner the first two sessions. Rev. W. M. Deatrich occupied the seat of Rev. H. N. Bassler during the first three sessions, and was admitted to the seat of Rev. G. C. Erb the last session. Rev. J. J. Barkley occupied the seat of Rev. W. E. Krebs during several sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. Joel T. Rossiter, D. D., William I. Stewart, Hiram J. Macalister, Conrad Clever, D. D., William Goodrich, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, James R. Lewis, Christopher Noss, William C. Sykes, Kenny O. Spessard, Calvin S. Slagle, Lloyd E. Coblentz and Henry F. Dittmar.

Mercersburg Classis:—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D. D. and George S. Gill.

Virginia Classis:—Revs. Thomas K. Cromer and Nehemiah H. Skyles.

Gettysburg Classis:—Revs. Thomas J. Barkley, D. D., Francis S. Lindaman and Edward D. Miller.

Carlisle Classis:—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D.

Juniata Classis:—Rev. Henry E. Jones.

Portland-Oregon Classis:—Rev. John Gantenbein, D. D.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Cyrus Cort, D. D., David N. Dittmar, Charles G. Fisher, D. D., James I. Good, D. D., William E. Hoy, John G. Noss, John S. Stahr. D. D., Adam C. Whitmer, Thomas M. Yundt and George M. Zacharias.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, D. D., and Lewis T. Lampe.

Ohio Synod:—Rev. William C. B. Shulenberger.

German Synod of the East:—Rev. Herman Bielfeld.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. Dr. Beale, of the Presbyterian Church; Luther Kuhlman and G. H. Hasskarl, of the Lutheran Church; J. H. Marsh, A. H. Zimmerman, J. C. Hawk and F. J. Wagoner, of the Methodist Church; and J. W. Owen and C. W. Stinespring, of the United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, *President*, Chambersburg, Pa.
Rev. G. B. Resser, *Vice-President*, Hanover, Pa.
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. A. B. Bauman, *Corresponding Secretary*, Tom's Brook, Va.
Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Reading Clerk*, Keedysville, Md.
Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House.*

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, S. M. Hench, A. Conner, and Elders E. A. Shriner and C. A. Thomas.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, A. Spangler, I. M. Motter, and Elders L. B. Kerr and J. H. Stephens.

Overtures.—Revs. Z. A. Yearick, G. A. Whitmore, J. B. Stonesifer, and Elders H. Inners and J. T. Brown.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. B. R. Carnahan, A. T. G. Apple, G. P. Stem, and Elders J. H. Myers and G. Hoobach.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. O. Miller, J. B. Shontz, M. O. Noll, and Elders C. Wicke and J. L. Grove.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. A. T. G. Apple, F. A. Rupley, G. G. Everhart, and Elders D. S. Rentch and J. T. Brown.

Education.—Rev. J. C. Bowman, G. B. Resser, E. R. Deatrick, and Elders A. R. Schnebly and S. Hoeflich.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. S. C. Stover, G. A. Snyder, G. A. House, and Elders R. A. Paules and W. Roulette.

Missions.—Revs. C. W. Levan, J. D. Miller, C. B. Heller, and Elders F. J. Davis and J. Gassman.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. W. E. Krebs, A. H. Smith, S. P. Stauffer, and Elders S. Crist and J. Brewster.

Publication.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, S. U. Waugaman, A. B. Bauman, and Elders J. L. Weber and C. P. Gettier.

Finance.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, E. W. Stonebraker, T. C. Strock, and Elders J. B. Zimmerman and H. M. Kefauver.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, G. B. Resser, G. P. Stem, and Elders J. N. Slagle and C. P. Gettier.

Nominations.—Revs. C. A. Santee, J. O. Miller, G. C. Erb, and Elders A. J. Souder and G. Wolf.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. F. C. Yost, G. S. Gill, W. A. Long, and Elders J. N. Slagle and A. R. Schnebly.

ARTICLE VI.

Communications.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables,

which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

Religious Services.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—Foreign Missions Services. The President of Synod to preside, assisted in the devotional services by Rev. S. N. Callender.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

1. Usual evening service. 2. Address by Rev. Wm. E. Hoy. 3. Hymn. 4. Ordination of licentiate Christopher Noss by the committee of the Maryland Classis, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. T. Rossiter, and C. S. Slagle, together with Rev. John G. Noss, father of the candidate. 5. Charge to the missionary by Rev. Dr. J. I. Good, President of the Board of Foreign Missions. 6. Address by Missionary Christopher Noss.

Thursday Evening.—A meeting in the interest of general Church Work. Devotional services by Rev. M. O. Noll. 1. Address, subject: "Characteristics of the Reformed Church in the United States," by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

2. Address, subject: "Lines of Aggressive Work for our Church," by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins. 3. Address, subject: "Ministerial Relief Society—Its Claims upon the Members of the Church," by Rev. J. D. Miller.

Friday Evening.—Educational meeting. Devotional services by Rev. J. C. Clapp. 1. Address, subject: "The Claims of Higher Education on our people," by Rev. J. S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College. 2. Address, subject: "The Undeveloped Resources of the Church," by Rev. J. C. Bowman.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory services. Liturgical service by Revs. W. M. Deatrick and Z. A. Yearick. Sermon by Rev. G. B. Resser.

Saturday evening.—Sunday-school meeting. Devotional services by Rev. G. P. Stem. 1. Address, subject: "The Relation of Bible Study to the Power and Usefulness of the Church," by Rev. J. B. Shontz. 2. Address, subject: "The Sunday-school; how it can be made more effective," by Rev. C. B. Heller. 3. Address, subject: "The Form and Power of Church Membership," by Rev. F. F. Bahner.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Liturgical services by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and J. O. Miller. Sermon by the President of Synod.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school services. Addresses by Revs. J. C. Clapp, A. C. Whitmer and J. S. Kieffer.

Sunday Evening 6.30 o'clock.—Reformed Guild meeting. Addresses by Revs. Z. A. Yearick and C. A. Santee.

Sunday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.—Home Missions Anniversary. Devotional services by Rev. J. O. Miller. 1. Address, subject: "How to awaken and maintain an intelligent interest in Missions," by Rev. C. W. Levan. 2. Address, subject: "The Denominational Spirit—how far shall it be promoted?" by Rev. G. B. Resser. 3. Address, subject: "The present condition of our Home Missionary Work—its prospects and needs," by Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. B. Shontz in the morning, and Rev. M. O. Noll in the evening.

St. James Lutheran Church.—Rev. A. B. Bauman in the morning, and Rev. H. J. Macalister in the evening.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. F. C. Yost in the morning and Rev. G. A. Snyder in the evening.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.—Rev. A. H. Smith in the morning, and Rev. G. G. Everhart in the evening.

United Brethren Church.—Rev. J. P. Harner in the morning, and Rev. W. A. Long in the evening.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. M. A. Peters in the morning, and Rev. G. P. Stem in the evening.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Minutes of Synod.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday forenoon, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, after a careful inspection of them, begs leave to report the following items as claiming, in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. A Standing Committee on Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund is appointed, whose duty is to report to the present sessions of the Synod, of which committee Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed to report at the present meeting of the Synod, of which committee Rev. J. W. Santee is chairman.

Item 3, page 29. The Classes are urged to fully meet their apportionments for Beneficiary Education.

Item 4, page 29. The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College is instructed to submit to Synod annually a properly audited summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures of said institution.

Item 5, page 29. The Special Committee to raise funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, appointed by the Synod at Hanover, Pa., in 1890, is again continued.

Item 6, page 30. The several Classes that have contributed towards the fund for theological teaching in connection with Catawba College, N. C., are requested to turn the same over to the Trustees of said institution, for the use of its General Endowment Fund.

Item 7, page 31. A Commission is appointed to act with similarly appointed committees of the three other English Synods in reorganizing Calvin College at Cleveland, Ohio, in accordance with a certain specified plan, as proposed by the Erie Classis.

Item 8, page 33. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose term of service will expire during the present month, and one also to fill the place of Rev. C. U. Heilman, recently deceased, for the term of two years.

Item 9, page 33. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education in place of those whose term of office will terminate with the present meeting of Synod.

Item 10, page 33. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., in place of the one whose term of service will end December 31st.

Item 11, page 39. The Synod urges upon the Classes the importance of raising special Church Building Funds.

Item 12, page 40. The Classes are asked to urge the payment of the Foreign Mission appointments in full, etc.

Item 13, page 40. The report of the Special Committee to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society was recommitted with instructions, and the committee is directed to report to the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 14, page 40. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect a member of the Synodical Board of Missions, to fill the place of the one whose term of service is about to expire.

Item 15, page 43. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Calvin College, English Mission Church of Chicago, and Church Building.

Item 16, page 43. Arrearages are noted as existing on apportionments for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Mercersburg College, Harbor Missions, Church Extension in Baltimore, Theological Seminary, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 17, page 45. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in place of Elder George N. Forney, whose term of service

will terminate on the 1st of next January, agreeable to the Charter, and also one to fill the position of Rev. J. G. Noss, who has removed beyond the bounds of this Synod.

Item 18, page 47. The Classes are requested heartily to commend the Sunday-school work to their pastors, consistories and people, etc.

Item 19, page 47. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod, and one also to fill the place of Rev. R. L. Gerhart, who has removed beyond our bounds into another Synod.

Item 20, page 49. The Stated Clerk is directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 21, page 49. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect a member of the Board of Publication to fill the place of Elder S. Hoeflich, whose term of service will soon expire.

Item 22, page 52. The special attention of the Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the action contained in item 4 was reiterated; items 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 19 and 21 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; on items 11, 12 and 13, see Article XIV., Missions; on 15 and 16, see Article XV., Finance; on item 18, see Article X., Minutes of Classes; on item 20, see Article XX., Publication; and on item 22, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

Overatures.

The Standing Committee on Overatures presented its report at intervals which was received and acted on item by item, amended, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

1. A communication from Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, informing Synod of the fact, that the term of office of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, as Superintendent of Missions for the Synod of the Potomac and Eastern Synod will expire September 30, 1896, and that the nomination of a suitable person to fill the office should be made at the present meeting of the Synod.

2. A communication from the Pittsburg Synod concerning, first, the propriety of equalizing the salaries of our professors in the Theological Seminary; and, second, an overture to this Synod, asking that a committee of three be appointed to act in coöperation with similar committees of the Eastern and Pittsburg Synods, in selecting sites for houses for the professors in the Seminary.

3. A communication from the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, furnishing a statement of the present financial condition of said institution.

4. A communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, of Portland-Oregon Classis, in which he asks, first, to be excused for his non-attendance as a delegate to this body from said Classis; and, second, that the Synod come to the aid of the Classis, whose mission fields have been abandoned by the Board of Missions.

5. The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

6. An overture from the delegates of the North Carolina Classis in behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, asking that the Synod reconsider and reverse its action taken last year in regard to the Theological Professorship in connection with said College.

7. A statement by the President of Franklin and Marshall College setting forth the work and condition of said institution for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. A. YEARICK, *Chairman.*

The action of Synod on the report is as follows: On item 1 and 4, see Article XIV., Missions; on 2, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; on items 3 and 5, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. Rev. J. G. Schmid was, on motion, excused for his non-attendance.

ARTICLE X.

Minutes of Classes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

None.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Zions Classis requests the Synod to exonerate her from paying arrearages to Mercersburg College and Harbor Missions, and to erase the amount of arrearages for Beneficiary Education.

2. Mercersburg Classis overtures the Synod of the Potomac to consider the propriety of reducing the representation of the delegations from the Classes.

3. North Carolina Classis asks to be excused from paying arrearage to Harbor Missions, etc.

4. The same Classis overtures Synod and asks "that any arrearages on their part be excused."

5. Gettysburg Classis recommends, to the favorable consideration of the Synod, certain action taken by said Classis, requesting the Faculty of the Theological Seminary to give an Annual Statement concerning each student for the Holy Ministry in attendance.

6. The same Classis calls attention to the delinquency of the 2nd Hanover Charge on assessments for contingent expenses of Synod.

7. Juniata Classis overtures this Synod as follows: "*Resolved,* That we ask the Synod of the Potomac to give us the privilege to manage our own Beneficiary Educational matters, on the condition that we report annually to the Board of Education."

8. Portland-Oregon Classis requests Synod to grant it permission hereafter to devote the apportionments to its own mission work.

9. Virginia Classis overtures Synod to publish the statistics of the individual congregations, as well as the totals of the several charges in the printed minutes of Synod.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

10. Zion's Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except those noticed under "Requests and Recommendations."

11. Maryland Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except on the Church Building Fund—circumstances prevent entering at once upon the work of raising such a fund; and the six cents per member was left optional.

12. Mercersburg Classis took favorable action on all the recommendations of Synod with the exception of the apportionment for the Theological Seminary and $50.00 of the amount for Beneficiary Education.

13. Virginia Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except with reference to the amount contributed to the Theological Professorship in Catawba College. The following action was taken: *Resolved*, that we respectfully decline the request of Synod in the disposition of the amount contributed, * * * and that the Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay back to the Treasurer of Classis the amount paid on apportionment for North Carolina Professorship.

14. North Carolina Classis took favorable action on the following reference by Synod:

Assumes the amounts apportioned for Contingent Expenses but declined to apportion the amounts referred to it by Synod for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Theological Seminary, English Mission Church at Chicago, Church Building, and asks to be excused from paying arrears on Harbor Mission.

15. Gettysburg Classis took favorable action on all matters referred to it.

16. Carlisle Classis took favorable action on all matters referred, except the one cent per member from the Sunday-school for the support of the General Sunday-school Board, etc.

Special action was taken in reply to request of Synod to turn over to Trustees of Catawba College the amount contributed by it for the North Carolina Professorship, as follows: *Resolved*, That the funds contributed for this purpose by this Classis shall be placed to the credit of the charges contributing, for any object they may designate.

17. Juniata Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except the six cents per member for Church Building.

18. Portland-Oregon Classis took favorable action on arrearages, apportionments, and all recommendations of last Synod.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

19. Zion's Classis licensed George W. Welsh and dismissed him to the Gettysburg Classis; received licentiates Hiram J. Hillegass from the Tohickon Classis and Gurney Weber from the West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained them to the Holy Ministry; received Rev. Gideon P. Fisher from the Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod, Rev. Francis C. Yost from the Philadelphia Classis and Rev. Charles P. Kehl from the Wyoming Classis; and dismissed Rev. Alfred F. Dreisbach to the Maryland Classis, Rev. Phaon W. Snyder to the Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod, and Rev. Wm. H. Loose to the Wyoming Classis.

20. Maryland Classis licensed Frederick W. Bald, Henry W. Wissler and F. J. Emil Muehe, and dismissed the last named to the Allegheny Classis; ordained the licentiate Christopher Noss to the Gospel Ministry; received

Rev. Alfred F. Dreisbach from Zion's Classis, and Rev. Simon S. Miller from the Clarion Classis; and dismissed Rev. U. Henry Heilman to the Lebanon Classis, Revs. John G. Noss and Newton J. Miller to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, and Rev. Alfred M. Schaffner to St. Paul's Classis.

21. Mercersburg Classis licensed and ordained Lewis P. Krome, ordained licentiate Henry N. Bassler upon receiving him from East Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. David P. Lefever to the Schuylkill Classis, Rev. Sefellen E. Stofflet to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Lewis P. Krome to the Iowa Classis.

22. Virginia Classis received Eugene P. Skyles from Westmoreland Classis and licensed the same; ordained licentiate Jacob S. Garrison; received Rev. Abram D. Wolfinger from Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod; dismissed Rev. William A. Korn to the Philadelphia Classis, licentiate Eugene P. Skyles to the Somerset Classis, Rev. Thomas K. Cromer to the Juniata Classis and Rev. Henry Tallhelm to the United Brethren Church.

23. North Carolina Classis dismissed Rev. Jesse Richards to the Tiffin Classis.

24. Gettysburg Classis received licentiate George W. Welsh from Zion's Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry.

25. Carlisle Classis licensed Harvey I. Crow, and dismissed the same to St. Paul's Classis; and received the Rev. Miles O. Noll from West Susquehanna Classis.

26. Juniata Classis received Rev. Charles H. Slinghoff from the Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. Irwin W. Hendricks from the West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Charles E. Creitz from the East Pennsylvania Classis; and dismissed Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart to the West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Thomas N. Reber to the Lehigh Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

27. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Glen Rock, York County, Pa., May 12th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, *President;* Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer.*

28. Maryland Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., May 6th, A. D. 1896, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. S. Weber, *President;* Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk;* and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer.*

29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Fort Loudon, Franklin County, Pa., May 7th, A. D. 1876, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. G. B. Russell, *President;* and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer.*

30. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Roanoke, Va., May 6th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. L. Reiter, *President;* and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer.*

31. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Conover, Catawba County, N. C., May 6th, A. D. 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. A. Foil, *President;* Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer.*

32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Stone Church, Jefferson Charge, York County, Pa., May 7th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. P. Stem, *President;* and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer.*

33. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Newport, Perry County, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. P. Stauffer, *President;* and Rev. J. David Miller, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer.*

34. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Marklesburg, Huntingdon County, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. C. Geary, *President;* and Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer.*

35. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Salem,

Oregon, May 28th, A. D. 1896, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. G. Grädel, *President;* Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder Fr. Köllermeier, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. CARNAHAN, *Chairman.*

The requests in item 1 were granted. Action on item 2 was laid on the table until the next annual meeting of the Synod. The requests in items 3 and 4 were granted. Item 5 was approved and adopted. The matter in item 6 was referred back to the Classis for action. The overature in item 7 was refused. The request in item 8 was granted. The request in item 9 was not granted. The other items of the Report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:—We have carefully studied the reports which the several Classes have sent up, telling of the condition of the churches under their respective pastoral supervision. The consensus of these reports reveals such a condition of health and vigor, of activity and aggressiveness, as must give cause for devout thanksgiving to God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The steady life-currents have been pulsating throughout the body spiritual, and its vital functions have gone forward in a normal way. By the regular preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments the Divine-human life that is in the head and in the members has been carried to all within its influence. With but few exceptions the charges are well supplied with pastors, and between pastors and people there exists such mutual support and sympathy as is calculated to foster a full and free development of the Christian graces. Special note is made of the fact that the young are receiving increased attention by catechetical instruction, and that thus the Church continues true to her apostolic methods, derived from earliest times and tested again and again—in Antioch and Alexandria, in Zürich and Geneva, in the Palatinate, and throughout the churches of our own beloved land.

The work of the Sunday-school is everywhere reported as in a healthful and growing condition. Not only is attention being given more and more to the instruction of the children, but we believe there is greater industry in Biblical study on the part of both old and young.

During the Classical year closed last spring, one of the most distressing waves of financial depression experienced in years swept over the country. It is a fact for special congratulation that, though hard pressed during this trying time, our congregations, with but few exceptions, came up to, and, in some cases, went considerably beyond, the measure of the offerings of former years. Besides this new churches have been built and new interests have been organized. In this connection might also be noted the part which the people took in relieving the embarrassment of our foreign mission work, notwithstanding the stringency of the times. We take this to be a most significant indication that our people, under wise and liberal pastoral guidance, are growing in a knowledge of the needs of the Church, and in the grace of giving to the meeting of these needs.

It is with gratitude we record the encouraging outlook for the educational work of the Synod. With a school at Mercersburg for the preparation of young men for a course in college or for a business life, and a school in Frederick for the higher education of woman, each with a very remarkable showing considering the very short time of their present respective administrations, we are more fully equipped than ever for the Christian education of the young men and women of the land.

At the same time that there is much to give us cause to "thank God and take courage," there are shadows as well as lights in the picture. In parts of the Synod, at least, our pastors labor under discouragements and heavy burdens, and everywhere the powers of the Satanic kingdom in protean form and through myriad instrumentalities continue to oppose unhallowed impediments to the Kingdom of Christ. But while there may not have been the degree of spiritual growth which the pastors may have desired; while there may have been discouraging manifestations of the powers of sin in the human heart; while there may have been times when the wheels of progress turned slow because of failure here and there to rise to the opportunity; nevertheless these are but the remnants of the enemy—the Jebusite in Jerusalem, the tolerated Gibeonite, and the Canaanite still dwelling in the land—and are but the more emphatic challenge to the Church to unite all her forces and summon all her instrumentalities, that she may be the more ready to go forward under the leadership of Him who overcame Satan in the Wilderness, on Calvary, and through the rended tomb; and trusting alone in the inspiration of the eternal Spirit to advance from victory to victory.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Thos. G. Apple, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

Education.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave to submit the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1895.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at last annual report to the Synod, namely, Rev. William C. Cremer, *President;* Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary;* and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer.*

The Board held two meetings during the year; one at York, Pa., last October at the close of the meeting of the Synod, when the organization for the year was effected; and the annual meeting at Chambersburg, Pa., on the third of last month, when the appropriations to the beneficiary students were made, and other necessary business transacted.

The operations of the Board have gone forward during the past year, with the usual degree of prosperity and success, notwithstanding the financial depression that has prevailed to a greater or less extent in all sections of our country. As a Board we have reason for devout gratitude to our gracious Heavenly Father for His favor and blessing upon the work committed to us by the Synod. Only one of our beneficiary students, namely, Lewis P. Krome, completed his theological course of training for the Gospel Ministry, graduating from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., last May. In June he was examined, licensed and ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry by the Mercersburg Classis, at its annual meeting, and for the three months past he has been laboring in one of the mission charges of the Iowa Classis.

Twenty-five young men have been aided in their studies by funds from the treasury of the Board during the past year, in amounts ranging from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars, amounting in the aggregate to $3,085.00. Two of them have been dropped from the roll of beneficiary students as no longer entitled to assistance, and one has been allowed to intermit his studies, for the time being, in consequence of impaired health. Five young men were enrolled as beneficiary students under our care and supervision, at our late meeting in Chambersburg, namely, John H. Dietrich and Aaron M. Gluck, at the request of the Mercersburg Classis; Stewart Cramer, at that of the Maryland Classis; Robert L. Bair, at that of the Gettysburg Classis; and George W. Shaw, at that of the Juniata Classis. Twenty-seven beneficiaries, therefore, are on our roll at present, who hold their Classical connections as follows: Maryland Classis, seven; Juniata Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, five; Carlisle Classis, five; Mercersburg Classis, four; and Virginia Classis, one. They are J. Calvin Bolger, William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner and David J. Wolf, *Seminary Seniors;* Charles A. Bushong, Frederick Cromer, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, Ezra D. Lantz and James M. Mullan, *Seminary Middlers;* John W. Gilds, Moses A. Kieffer and Nevin L. Weidner, *College Seniors;* Scott R. Wagner, *College Junior;* John S. Heffner, William A. Kepner and John K. McKee, *College Sophomores;* and Robert L. Bair, Stewart Cramer, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, Joseph E. Guy, George W. Potter, George W. Shaw and John H. Smith, less far advanced in their studies. The appropriations voted by the Board to the foregoing named young men, for the present scholastic year, amount to $3,275.00, which is $275.00 more than last year's appropriations.

Eighteen of the beneficiaries are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., five at Collegeville, Pa., two at Mercersburg, Pa., and two at Tiffin, Ohio.

The funds actually contributed for beneficiary education by the six Classes working through the Board, during the past year, amount to the sum of $2,463.29, not including the amount in the treasury at last report $969.40, interest on invested money $176.48, and refunded by former beneficiaries $87.50, or a total of $3,696.67, including those items. The Board entered upon the new or present fiscal year, commencing with October 1, 1895, with $360.65 less in the treasury, and will have to meet $275.00 of appropriations greater than last year. To meet this deficit the apportionments will have to be either increased or paid up more fully.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipts of the following sums for beneficiary education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given, so as to present the sum-total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Gettysburg and Virginia Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer of the Board of Education, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Frederick Church, $92.00; First Church of Hagerstown, $55.00; Second Church of Hagerstown, $50.00; St. Paul's Church of Baltimore, $48.00; Middletown Church, $31.42; Manor Charge, $30.00; Manchester Charge, $26.73; Jefferson Charge, $26.00; Clear Spring Charge, $25.00; Glade Charge, $23.00; Union Bridge Charge, $20.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, $18.11; Woodberry Church, $18.00; Cavetown Charge, $18.00; Carroll Charge, $15.37; Taneytown Charge, $15.00; Boonsboro' Charge, $14.00; First Church of Baltimore, $13.48; Silver Run Charge, $14.25; Thurmont Charge, $12.69; Emmitsburg Church, $11.00; Faith Church of Baltimore, $11.00; Washington Mission, $10.00; Utica Charge, $9.00; Mount Moriah Charge, $8.65; Burkittsville Charge, $7.73; Westminster Church, $7.30; Sabillasville Charge, $7.00; Fairview Church, $5.00; St. Stephen's Church of Baltimore, $5.00; and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.), $37.50. Making $685.23.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, $425.00, and First Church of Hanover (specially designated), $50.00. Making $475.00.

Juniata Classis.—Water Street Charge, $55.82; Martinsburg Charge, $45.00; St. Clairsville Charge, $40.00; First Church of Altoona, $37.00; McConnellstown Charge, $25.45; Sulphur Spring Charge, $22.00; Everett Charge, $20.00; Huntingdon Church, $20.00; Friend's Cove Charge, $12.92; Greenfield Charge, $9.70; Woodcock Valley Charge, $5.00; Clear Ridge Charge, $1.84; and interest on Nicholas Gruber legacy, $164.48. Making $459.21.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, $110.00; Waynesboro' Charge, $95.00; Mercersburg Charge, $56.59; Greencastle Charge, $50.60; Grindstonehill Charge, $25.00; Shippensburg Church, $25.00; McConnellsburg Charge, $10.00; St. Thomas Charge, $10.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro', $9.00; Loudon Charge, $4.64; interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, $12.00; and refunded by a former beneficiary (R.), $50.00. Making $457.83.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, $72.00; Landisburg Charge, $60.00; New Bloomfield Charge, $53.00; Carlisle Church, $47.00; Mechanicsburg Church, $36.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, $30.00; Duncannon Charge, $29.00; Newburg Church, $23.00. Making $350.00.

Virginia Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, $300.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, at last report, October 1st, 1894, . .	$969.40
Received from Maryland Classis, ...	685.23
" " Gettysburg Classis, ...	475.00
" " Juniata Classis, ...	459.21
" " Mercersburg Classis, ...	457.83
" " Carlisle Classis, ...	350.00
" " Virginia Classis, ...	300.00
Total receipts, ...	$3,696.67

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Maryland Classis, ...	$610.00
" " " Gettysburg Classis, . . .	600.00
" " " Carlisle Classis, ...	600.00
" " " Juniata Classis, ...	575.00
" " " Mercersburg Classis, . . .	450.00
" " " Virginia Classis, ...	250.00

Postage and stationary,	$2.92
Total payments,	$3,087.92
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1895,	608.75
Making,	$3,696.67

We do hereby certify that, by appointment of the Board of Education, we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same.

We accordingly find the balance in the Treasnry to be $608.75 on the 1st instant.

Z. A. YEARICK,
A. R. SCHNEBLY.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 3d, 1895.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the synod, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education, The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

Since our last report was made to the Synod we have held meetings as follows: November 13, 1894; December 26, 1894; April 5, 1895; June 4, 1895; September 17, 1895; October 18, 1895. At most of the meetings a large majority of the Board was present.

At our annual meeting, June 4, 1895, the Board organized by the election of W. Rush Gillan as President, Rev. F. F. Bahner as Secretary and E. J. Bonbrake as Treasurer. It is with unfeigned sorrow that the Board refers to the death of one of its members, our most beloved brother Rev. C. U. Heilman, who was always alert to the interests of the institution, and who, in the midst of a busy pastoral life, found time to work with great zeal for the advancement of the College. We are gratified to be able to report that the institution is doing a good work and enjoying a patronage beyond the capacity of the buildings. This is largely due to the learning, zeal, good judgment and untiring energy of the President, William Mann Irvine, Ph. D., and the Board here puts on record its appreciation of his services. During the year ending in June, 1895, one hundred and sixteen scholars were enrolled. Of these all were not there at one or the same time, some stopping a while and then dropping out before the end of the year. Seventeen finished the course and were graduated in June. The Commencement exercises were interesting and largely attended. The Class-day exercises, the Commencement exercises, and other exercises that were attended by many members of the Board during the year, demonstrate the fact that the faculty of this institution are teaching the boys under their control that which is sadly neglected in many institutions of learning, namely, the art of public speaking. Of the seventeen young men who finished the course last year, five have entered Franklin and Marshall College, one the Heidelburg University, one Ursinus, one has gone to Lafayette, two to Lehigh, four to Princeton, one to Jefferson Medical College, one into business. At least six of these boys have the ministry in view, five of them intend entering the ministry of our own Church.

The total earnings of the school for the year ending in June was	$11,871.57
Total expenses for school purposes	10,560.83
Earnings above expenses.	$1,300.74

There was expended during the year in repairs and furniture, etc., the sum of $2,215.00. There have been improvements made in the appearance of the grounds. Tennis courts have been made; South Cottage, being the house formerly occupied by Rev. Dr. Deatrick, has been repaired and furnished. Six rooms have been furnished in the preparatory building, and many other improvements have been made to the College property, buildings and grounds.

The school opened in September of this year, with a larger number of pupils than were entered the beginning of any preceding year, there being sixty-seven boarders and twenty-seven day scholars. A number have been enrolled since. The faculty now consists, in addition to Dr. Irvine, the President; of Charles V. Smith, A. B., Natural Sciences and History; S. G. Shartle, A. B., English, French and German; Van K. Irvine, A. B., Latin; Howard E. Smith, A. B,, Mathematics and Graphics; L. S. Morrow, A. B., English and History; Floyd E. Knapp, Military Tactics and Commercial Branches. The College building is not large enough to accommodate the number of scholars now in attendance, hence it has been found necessary to occupy a portion of the old preparatory building at the opposite side of the town, as well as the house formerly occupied by Rev. Dr. Deatrick. In order to afford the day scholars a place for study during the hours not occupied in recitations, several rooms have been secured in a house in town near the College. The Senior Class numbers thirty; of these two-thirds will next year, as the Board is informed, enter the colleges of our own Church.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 26th day of December, 1894, it was determined to erect a new building to connect with the present College building, and at the same time to put into the present building steam heat and water. The whole to cost not more than fifteen thousand dollars. The work to be commenced as soon as $9,000 were subscribed in *bona fide* and reliable subscriptions. A committee was appointed to secure the funds. A subscription card was prepared and an effort made to secure subscriptions to the amount desired. The work of securing these subscriptions has been left almost wholly to the President of the College. About $8,600 has been secured in actual subscriptions, and $1,200 more pledged though not pledged in writing. Of the amount subscribed about $2,000 was subscribed by the people of Mercersburg. This together with the large number of students from the immediate vicinity of the school attests the hold which the institution has on those amongst whom it is located, and who are afforded a full opportunity to see and know what is being done.

A plan of building was prepared by the Building Committee, but on an estimate of the cost it was found that the building proposed would cost more than $15,000, and it will be necessary either to restrict the plan or make an effort to secure more money. Much as it is needed the building is not yet begun. We expect soon to have the present building heated by steam, the work now being in progress, the contract price being $1,650. More dormitories, larger recitation rooms, a hall for public exercises, as well as for use of the day scholars, modern heat and water supply are absolutely necessary, not alone to accelerate the growth of the school, but to prevent its progress being retarded.

At the meeting of the Board held on the 17th day of September, Rev. I. N. Peightel, of York, Pa., was chosen by the Board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rev. C. U. Heilman. The terms of service of Rev. W. C. Cremer, D. D., Rev. J. B. Shontz and Elder A. R. Schnebly as members of the Board will expire at the end of the present year. It will be necessary for this Synod to elect their successors. The term of service of Rev. C. U. Heilman would have expired in October, 1897; it will therefore be necessary for this Synod to elect some one to serve two years to succeed Rev. Peightel, who was only elected to serve until this time.

While we appreciate what the Church is doing for this school, we yet feel that much more could be done. We know of no Preparatory School that is

doing as much as this one to fill the Colleges of our Church. It is the only institution of learning for boys under the care of our Synod. It is located at what should be the Mecca of the people of the Reformed Church. The very name Mercersburg should be an inspiration to every member of the Church. The name Mercersburg is known wherever the Christian religion has been taught. We seek only to make a first class Academy, we do not aim to do the work of a College; we are the rival of no other institution of the Church. The Faculty and the Board of Regents are determined by the help of God to make it a success. We appeal to you Reverend Fathers and Elders, and through you to the whole people of the Church to aid in this work; we ask your sympathy, your prayers, your patronage, your money. We feel sure that what the Church does for this school will be repaid her ten fold.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF FREDERICK, MD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., have to report that the Board was organized by the re-election of the former officers; viz: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., President; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Treasurer and Financial Agent.

The Board meets statedly three times each year, to wit: The last of April for reorganization, the election of Faculty and the outlining of work for the next year; during Commencement week; and again in connection with the opening of the collegiate year. The work in the interim is conducted through a local committee, and whenever necessary special meetings of the Board are held.

We have given careful and thoughtful attention to the interests committed to us and everything has been done in accordance with our best judgment.

The steam plant introduced into the buildings last year at our request made us comfortable during the severest weather of last winter.

The Frederick Female Seminary library included in our lease, aggregated a collection of about 1500 books. Few of these are of recent publication and hence constitute no proper working library. Through the energetic efforts of Prof. Apple, and the kindness of many friends, he has secured by donations and purchase a large number of valuable, modern books, among them a complete set of 35 volumes of Appleton's American Cyclopedia. This was done without drawing directly upon our treasury for one dollar of its funds. The library has been transferred to a large and well-lighted room on the first floor of West Hall, where it has been properly arranged. A Librarian has charge, and in accordance with regulations, and at fixed hours gives out and receives books. The plan involves a further extension of the library and the friends of the college are invited to coöperate in securing its enlargement and efficiency.

By reference to the catalogue it will be seen that the entire enrollment last year was 141, of which 54 were boarders.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board was audited September 11, 1895, found to be correct, and sustained by proper vouchers. The income from all sources for the year was $12,296.13 and the expenditure for current expenses $11,955.74. The rental of $1,000 for the past year has been paid. We have invested, since our last report, in a piano, furniture, etc., $1,008.87; these will not need to be replaced for years to come. An investment of like character during the first year aggregates a total of $1,525.07. This portion of the equipment is ours, and is inventoried at its present value in our annual statement, thereby making the net resources at the end of the second year $685.93. It will be seen, therefore, that while the revenues of the institution

have exceeded the outlay for current expenses during the first two years by the above amount, that this surplus has not been sufficient to meet the necessary outlay for increased equipment.

The college work of the last year was highly satisfactory. On the 6th of last June, a class of 14 graduated in the literary department, and two in the musical department, to the credit of themselves and the Faculty

During the past summer vacation, at our urgent request, the capacity of the buildings has been increased by raising the roof of East Hall and completing the third story, which had hitherto contained sleeping rooms with such low ceilings as to be entirely unserviceable. There are now available on this story, two piano practice rooms, a bath room and twelve comfortable, airy, double rooms. By reason of very desirable changes in West Hall, four rooms for boarders have been surrendered there, leaving us still an actual gain of eight large double rooms for students, two piano practice rooms and a bath room.

The old dormitory apartments on the second floor of West Hall have been transformed into a Scientific Laboratory. It now consists of two large rooms, the one to be used as a chemical, and the other as a physical laboratory. The chemical laboratory is fitted up with desks containing individual pneumatic bowls for work in analysis, and shelves for apparatus. For the physical laboratory cases have been made for the apparatus now on hand, and new apparatus, that will be added as it is needed. These improvements to the laboratories will cost about $500. It is a gratifying fact that through the efforts of Prof. Apple and the generosity of some friends in Frederick, these improvements will be made outside of the regular revenues of the school.

The President of the College makes a personal canvass for students during the summer vacation. It is the policy of the Board that he should also, as far as possible, represent the claims of the College at the annual Synodical and other important Church meetings within the territory from which our patronage is drawn.

College work for the third year was resumed on Tuesday, September 10, 1895, under encouraging auspices. The course of study is being gradually raised and extended. Classes in each year's work are fully organized. The enrollment of students is fully equal to that of the preceding year at this date.

But two changes have been made in the Faculty. Gertrude Harner has succeeded Laura T. Case in the department of Higher English and History, and Irene Martin, a graduate of the last class, Lura Boyer as instructor in the Primary Department. Florence E. Trail, after one year's absence, has resumed her work in the College. Ellen Souder has been added to the faculty as teacher of Elocution.

We have an able and efficient faculty. Its average teaching experience is over nine years. The College throughout all its departments maintains a high rank. Your Board is satisfied that the first and best investment for the conducting of a successful school is in brains and experience, and that in estimating the desirability of a school *real enthusiasm* counts for more than real estate.

Our *right* to exist as a college is no longer questioned. The necessity for our existence, to meet the demands of the Church, must be apparent, and we further submit that the experience of the past two years proves our ability to provide the kind of school that is needed.

Your Board considers it important that you should at this time consider the future of the College. We have entered upon the third of our five-year lease at $1,000 per year rental. Our experience of the past two years has demonstrated to us that to sustain our present high standard of faculty and our moderate rates for students, along which line we come into sharp competition with the other schools in our territory, we cannot afford to pay the increased rental of $500 per annum from the revenues of the school, which the terms of the present lease require, after the first five years' tenancy. In the

judgment of your Board, to lower the standard of the College, by cheapening its expenses, would be a calamity to the Church which we have no words to convey. This dare not be thought of.

We have overtured the Board of the Frederick Female Seminary for a change or modification of the terms of the lease after the first five years, and have secured from them the following: That they, the Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary, being only desirous to use the property subject to their control, for purposes of education, will agree that, in case we desire to renew the present lease, the amount agreed upon in excess of one thousand dollars per annum shall be applied in payment of tuition for pupils selected by them at our usual rates, so that we would not have to pay in cash more than one thousand dollars per annum.

We, therefore, recommend that Synod empower your Board to effect such lease at once upon as liberal terms as possible, for a period of ten years, with the privilege of renewal upon the same terms, to take effect upon the completion of the present five-year lease, and that Synod instruct its Stated Clerk to affix to said lease, when properly signed, the seal of Synod.

Respectfully submitted on the part of Board of Directors of Woman's College, of Frederick, Md. E. R. ESCHBACH,

Frederick, Md., October 23d, 1895. *President.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren:—The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1894–1895.

The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1894: John Franklin Bair, John Love Barnhart, Theodore P. Bolliger, William H. Brong, Charles A. Bushong, Preston A. DeLong, Thomas Wilson Dickert, Montgomery M. Fryer, William Glass Gerhard, Daniel G. Glass, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Wilson S. Hartzel, Mabry L. S. Herbein, Theodore C. Hesson, R. Raymond Jones, Clement D. Kressly, E. Douglas Lantz, John A. Leuzinger, R. Franklin Main, James M. Mullan, Albert F. Nace, Curtin L. Oswald, Carl Whitmer Plank, Amos Oliver Reiter, James Rauch Stein, Martin Weidman Schweitzer and Adolphus Walker—twenty-seven in number. Of these, eighteen were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College; two of Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio; three came from normal schools, of which they were graduates; and one, Curtin L. Oswald, was an ordained minister of the United Evangelical Church, who had received a preliminary training in the Schuylkill Seminary. Mr. Brong was readmitted to the Junior Class, having been prevented by ill health from pursuing his studies during the previous year.

The *Middle Class* consisted of the students admitted to the Junior Class last year, with the exception of Mr. Brong—eighteen in number.

The members of the *Senior Class* were as follows: Almon G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, Harry W. Bright, Harvey I. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegass, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Krick, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. Leinbach, William H. Mader, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Henry H. Ranck, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, Gerney Weber and Henry W. Wissler—nineteen in all, making the whole number of students in the institution sixty-four. The Seniors having pursued the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were awarded the usual *testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last.

In accordance with the action of the Board at its annual meeting in 1894, the Faculty establishes a *post-graduate* course of study, of which several former students took advantage, and a number of others expect to do so in

the future. It is still tentative and may receive such modifications from year to year as may be deemed advisable. See College Catalogue 1894–5.

From the *Average Grade* of the students, presented by the Faculty, it appears that there were comparitively only a few whose standing was less than 4—5 denoting perfection. The Seniors were all above 4, one as high as 4.86, and one in the Middle Class as high as 4.85. As it regards industry, good order and Christian morality, the conduct of the students was satisfactory and commendable.

During the year the instruction in Elocution under Miss Morgan was satisfactory; and the Board again recommends to the three Synods to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the amounts hitherto paid to meet the necessary expenses, $75 being allotted to the Synod of the Potomac. In regard to a lady instructor, the Board reaffirmed its judgment as given last year, that a male teacher would be preferable, if suitable arrangements can be made for that purpose.

The Faculty having given it as their judgment that active membership of the Theological Students in Glee and Athletic Clubs has interfered with their studies in the Seminary, the Board referred the matter to a committee, and their report, instructing the Faculty not to allow students hereafter to connect themselves with such clubs, was unanimously adopted by the Board. According to their report, "the Board does not condemn nor discountenance the legitimate exercises of the gymnasium or the healthful athletics of the open field: on the contrary, it recognizes their advantage in the way of physical culture, in the promotion of a sound mind in a sound body. The members of the Board, therefore, approve of the *Home Club* and the *Home Team*, and are willing to encourage all judicious exercise of the students among themselves, nor do they wish to restrict the students of the Seminary from participating with the under-graduates of the College in the functions of the Clubs referred to, in so far as they may be limited in their performance to the home field.

"But in view of the waste of precious time, and of the consequent neglect of the solemn work of preparation for the Gospel Ministry, and in view of the sad dissipation of energies which should be consecrated to the upbuilding of Christian character so essential to a successful Ministry, which necessarily follow from prolonged absences from the Seminary, in the acceptance of challenges from distant clubs, the Board enjoined it upon the Faculty to forbid, without qualification or exception, the students from either accompanying the Glee Club to give concerts abroad, or so join in contest with either baseball or football teams, which may necessitate their absence from the institution. The Board, moreover, wished to place on record its unqualified disapproval of the practice of betting, and the increasing tendency to magnify financial gains accruing from guarntees and gate receipts, together with all other demoralizing influences inseparable from modern inter-collegiate athletics, and adjudges them as altogether unbecoming the authorities or students of a Christian institution."

As a Board we have endeavored to discharge our responsible duties in supervising the spiritual interests of our school of the prophets, and it is now our privilege once more to report that the blessing of Almighty God continues to rest upon it as in times past. The number of candidates for the Holy Ministry has been increasing from year to year; the corps of instructors has been enlarged; the new building for the use of the Seminary, with the spacious grounds around, now much beautified, is all that could be desired, and presents an attractive and interesting appearence, for which, as a Church, we are called upon to give thanks to God, the great Creator of all things, who through His Son, our Lord and Saviour, the Head of the Church, is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., October, 1895. THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Dear Brethren:—During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 9, 1895, in the Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess; Treasurer, John B. Roth.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the department of New Testament Introduction and Exegesis. The fund was contributed in loving memory of her deceased husband, Henry Wirt, and is to be named "Henry Wirt Alcove."

The Board accepted the gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the minutes.

At the request of the Faculty of the Seminary, the Board authorized the payment of the following salaries: Librarian, $120 per annum; Assistant Librarian, $30 per annum, and Custodian of the Reading Room, $30 per annum, so soon as funds come into his hands for the payment of the running expenses of the Seminary.

The Building Committee, Theological Seminary, reported that they had entered into negotiations for the purchase of the Wolff property, adjoining the Seminary grounds, for the sum of $5,500, on which is erected a two-and-a-half-story brick dwelling house, containing ten rooms, a part of which is to be used by the janitor, the Building Committee agreeing to assume the responsibility of collecting the sum of $2,000, by a canvass of the pastoral charges and asking the Board of Trustees to provide for the balance ($3,500) in accordance with their best judgment.

The Board approved of the purchase of the Wolff property.

The second meeting was held in the same place, October 8, 1895. In the absence of the Secretary, J. H. Stein was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

President Geo. N. Forney reported favorable progress in looking up the condition of Kansas investments.

A communication from the Professors of the Theological Seminary having been received, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, a letter has been presented to our Board from Drs. Gast, Rupp and Bowman, asking that there be granted to the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods the privilege of building homes for their respective professors.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees commend the request and ask the three Synods to grant the privilege.

A communication from Dr. J. C. Bowman having been read, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, Dr. J. C. Bowman has applied to the Board of Trustees for the privilege of having a suitable home built on the Seminary grounds for the use of the Potomac Synod's Professor.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to grant the privilege.

The Trustees further recommend: 1. That a building committee be raised, which shall be composed of six members, who shall choose the site, (with the approval of the Trustees), secure the design and superintend the construction of the proposed building; that the Pittsburgh Synod appoint one member of the committee, the Eastern Synod two members and the Potomac Synod three. 2. That should there be any excess of funds resulting from the canvass for the Seminary buildings, the same be placed in the hands of the building committee, to be applied to the professor's house.

The following action was taken relative to the Wolff property:

Resolved, That the purchase of the Wolff property be confirmed by the

Board, and that the several Synods approve the action of the Board and make provision for the payment of said property.

Respectfully submitted,

Hellertown, October 9, 1895. JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Endowment Fund—Principal.

1895,	Oct. 1.	Current expense account of Seminary to October, 1, 1895		$94,418 69
		Dr.		
		For sundry incomes and interests received from Oct. 1, 1894, to Oct. 1, 1895		$5,464 33
		Cr.		
		By balance due Treasurer as per account to Oct. 1, 1894		$1,127 06
		By salary, accounts and sundry bills paid to Oct. 1, 1895		6,665 39
				$7,792 45
1895,	Oct. 1.	Amount Dr. brought down		5,464 33
		Balance due Treasurer to Oct. 1, 1895		$2,328 12
1895,	Oct. 1.	*Library Fund.* Principal		$1,819 96
		Dr.		
		For Balance due fund Oct. 1, 1894	$49 53	
		For interest received to Oct. 1, 1895	165 99	
				$215 52
		Cr.		
1895,	Oct. 1.	By sundry bills paid		13 30
"	Oct. 1.	Balance due Library Fund		$202 22
1895.		*Smaltz Fund.* Principal		$5,000 00
		Dr.		
1895,	Oct. 1.	For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1895		$250 00
		Cr.		
"	Oct 1.	By amount paid to C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer		$250 00
		The William A. Wilt Fund.		
1895,	Oct. 1.	Principal		$833 33
		Interest on same accounted for in current expense account of Seminary.		
		Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.		
1894,	Oct. 1.	Principal in hands of Seminary Treasurer		$4,223 19
"	" 19.	R. S. Jamison, note		10,860 00
"	" 19.	Wm. Rupp, note		800 00
"	" 19.	Clarion Classis, note		800 00
1895,	Mar. 20.	Cash, W. R. Barnhart		140 00
				$16,823.19
		Dr.		
1895,	Oct. 1.	For sundry interests received on same to Oct. 1, 1895		$717 21
		Cr.		
"	Oct. 1.	By cash paid Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp		$717 21
		Prize Essay Fund in Church History.		
1895,	Oct. 1.	Principal		$2,000 75
"	"	For balance due to Oct. 1, 1894	$22 00	
"	"	For interest due to Oct. 1, 1895	150 00	
				$172 00

Cr.

1895, May 9.	By prize paid Theo. F. Hermann		$100 00	
" "	By sundry expenses paid		2 05	102 05
" "	Balance due fund Oct. 1, 1895			$69 95
1895, Oct. 1.	*The Jacob Forney Fund.* For Alcove in Seminary Library			$1,000 00

Dr.

1895, Oct. 1.	For interest due to date	$50 00	

Seminary Building Fund.

Dr.

1895, Oct. 1.	For balance in hands of Treasurer as per account to Oct. 1, 1894		$250 59
" "	For Amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Synod to Oct. 1, 1895		8,824 03
			$9,074 62

Cr.

1895, Oct. 1.	By sundry orders paid to date		9,023 15
	Balance due fund to Oct. 1, 1895		$51 47

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric

	Principal to May 7, '94	$160 00	
1895, May 9.	Received of W. M. Irvine	79 00	
			$239 00

Dr.

" " 7.	For balance due fund	$0 66	
" " 7.	For interest on $160.00 to May 7, 1895	8 00	
1895, " 9.	For cash paid by W. M. Irvine	7 00	
" " 9.	For interest to Oct. 1, 1895	4 98	
			$20 64

Cr.

1895, May 9.	By prize paid	$15 00	
" "	By expenses paid	50	15 50
	Balance due fund Oct. 1, 1895		$5 64
1895, Mar. 29.	*The Henry Wirt Fund.* For Alcove in Seminary Library		$1,000 00
1895, July 1.	*Received of Rev. J. C. Bowman.* In trust for Alcove in Seminary Library		$700 00
1895, Oct. 1.	*Theol. Seminary Class of 1894.* By sundry notes aggregating		$981 00
" "	For Alcove in Seminary Library. Cash paid on same to Oct. 1, 1895		$46 00

The John L. Riegel Fund.

1895, Oct. 1.	By four notes of $3,920.00 each		$15,680 00
	Maturing July 20, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898. Without interest.		
" July 20.	Note paid August 16, 1895	$3,920 00	

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1894, Oct. 5.	For amounts paid by Potomac Synod to Oct., 1894			$75 00
" " 6.	" " " Schuylkill Classis, Elocution			13 00
1895, May 6.	" " " Goshenhoppen Classis, Elocution			9 00
" " 9.	" " " Lehigh Classis, Elocution			14 00
" " 9.	" " " E. Penna. Classis, Elocution			12 00
" " 11.	A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod, for Elocution	$40 00		
" " 11.	A. J. Heller, current expenses	100 00		
" " 11.	" First Church, Greensburg	4 05		
			$144 05	
" " 27.	E. Penna. Classis, current expenses			60 00
" " 27.	E. Susq. Classis, Elocution			4 10
" June 8.	Juniata Classis, current expenses	$60 00		
" " 8.	" " Elocution	13 00		
			$73 00	
" " 29.	Tohickon Classis, Elocution			9 00
" Sept. 12.	A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, balance due on appt. for Elocution	$110 00		
" " 12.	A. J. Heller, for current expenses	100 00		$210 00
				$623 15

1895, Oct. 1. Charged to Treasurer in Seminary current expense account,

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1895. JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary report that we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
EDGAR SLAGLE,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the President and Members of the Potomac Synod:

Your Committee beg leave to report that the following papers have been placed in their hands:

1. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
2. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.
3. Request from the President of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary to apportion $400 for current expenses.
4. Report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.
5. Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and report of President John S. Stahr, D. D.
6. Report of Board of Education.
7. Report of Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.
8. Report of Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

I. *Theological Seminary.*—From the reports bearing upon the Theological Seminary we are gratified to learn of the large number of students in attendance and of the general prosperity of the institution. We regret, however, to note the large deficiency in the current expense fund, which is the cause of anxiety to those entrusted with the financial management.

The remissness of our own Synod is shown by the fact that but one Classis (Juniata) is reported as having contributed to the current expense fund.

A careful study of the documents pertaining to the Theological Seminary leads your committee to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synod make grateful acknowledgement of Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt's contribution of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the endowment of an alcove in the Theological Seminary Library as a memorial to her deceased husband, Henry Wirt, and that her generous act be commended to the members of the Church throughout the three Synods.

Resolved, That the Synod assume $75 for the support of the teacher of elocution, and $400 for the current expense fund, and that this amount ($475) be apportioned upon the several Classes.

Resolved, That the Synod approve the purchase of the Wolff property, and entrust to the judgment of the Board of Trustees the matter of making provision for the $3,500 which remain to be paid on the property.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Board of Trustees concerning (*a*) the granting of privilege to the three Synods to build professors' houses on the Seminary grounds; (*b*) the appointment of a Building Committee to select a building site, and to superintend the construction of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor, and (*c*) the disposition of the possible excess of funds resulting from the canvass for the Seminary buildings, be referred to a special committee.

2. *Franklin and Marshall College.*—The catalogue of this central seat of learning and the report of President J. S. Stahr, D. D., are replete with statements which tell of steady growth and a most encouraging condition of prosperity.

The large increase of students has necessitated the division of classes, and along with it an enlargement of the teaching force. To meet the present imperative wants of the College, not to speak of the greater needs of the near future, the Trustees urge all friends of the institution to coöperate with them in their effort to increase the endowment and to provide new buildings and their necessary equipment.

Resolved, That this Synod renews its pledge to give hearty support to Franklin and Marshall College, and that it realizes the necessity of strengthening this central seat of learning, not merely for its own sake, but, also for the sake of the the various educational interests which are so closely related to and dependent upon it.

Resolved, That Synod is heartily in sympathy with the general spirit and purpose of the scheme projected by the Board, looking toward the increase of the endowment of the College and the efficiency of its various departments, and commends the scheme to the liberal support of the ministry and membership of this body.

Resolved, That with the view to full and cordial coöperation with the Board of Trustees in its effort to advance the interests of the College, a committee be appointed by the chair composed of a representative from each Classis, and that the President of Synod, Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, be named as the *representative of Mercersburg Classis.*

Resolved, That the Synod renews the request that the Board of Trustees present to Synod a statement of the financial *condition of the College.*

Resolved, That Elder Peter C. Wiest, of York, be chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. C. U. Heilman, and that the Stated Clerk cast the ballot for the Synod.

III. *Board of Education.*—In reviewing the work of the Board of Education your committee have learned the following facts, viz:

1. That one student, Lewis P. Krome, completed his course in the Seminary, and is now serving acceptably one of the mission charges in Iowa Classis.

2. That twenty-five young men have been aided during the past year, and that twenty-seven are now on the roll and under the care of the Classes.

3. That the income of the last year was about $600 less than the amount required to sustain the beneficiaries.

4. That $3,275 have been voted as aid to students for the present scholastic year.

5. That but six of the Classes work through the Board.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following actions:

Resolved, That in view of the peculiar requirements of the ministry of the present day, the Board of Education and the Classes be requested to exercise the utmost care in the selection of young men for the Christian ministry.

Resolved, That the Faculty of the College and of the Seminary be requested to freely express to the Board and to the Classes having students under their care their judgment as to the fitness or unfitness of students for the continuance of their course.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that, in addition to the requirement of exemplary character, the standard for admission into the Theological Seminary, with rare exceptions, be the full collegiate course.

Resolved, That Zion's and North Carolina Classes be requested to coöperate with the Board.

Resolved, That the sum of $4,200 be apportioned upon the several Classes.

IV. *Mercersburg College.*—The report of the Board of Regents gives expression to profound sorrow over the death of Rev. C. U. Heilman, and fittingly makes acknowledgment of his great zeal and heroic efforts to advance the interests of the College, and in so doing voices the sentiment of the entire Synod.

The graduation of seventeen students last June, the present large attendance, the occupancy of buildings hitherto not used for school purposes, the improvement of the present College building and the imperative call for new

buildings are proofs of present prosperity and prophecies of future success, over which the Synod heartily rejoices.

The report of the Board shows the encouraging feature of an excess of earnings above expenses of $1,300, but fails to state that provision has been made for the large expense incurred for needed repairs.

We recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod approve the action of the Board in determining to erect a new building for the accommodation of students, and commends the wisdom of securing $9,000 before beginning the work of construction.

Resolved, That Synod make grateful acknowledgment of the kindness and generosity of the citizens of Mercersburg in contributing $2,000 towards this fund.

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to press forward, unremittingly, the canvass for funds so as to make provision for the cost of the repairs of the old buildings, the construction of the new buildings, and, if possible, the liquidation of the indebtedness; and that pastors and people be requested to give active and generous aid to the Board and their agents in the prosecution of their work.

Resolved, That the Board be requested to present to Synod a statement giving the financial condition of the College and an account of moneys received from various sources and of moneys expended.

Resolved, That the purpose of the President and Board to make of Mercersburg College a thoroughly equipped, high-grade training school for boys be heartily sustained by the Synod as part of its educational policy; and that pastors and people be requested to give the institution their patronage and faithful support.

V. *Woman's College of Frederick, Md.*—For this school—the youngest and, in some respects, the most hopeful and promising of our Synodical institutions—your committee bespeak the careful reading of the report of the Board of Directors, whose full and clear statements set forth to best advantage the merits and claims of the school. The prudent care and wise judgment shown in the manner of starting and conducting the school thus far entitle its Board of Managers to the congratulations of the Synod.

Their purpose to extend to young women, especially those within the bounds of the Synod, the opportunity of securing an education which has in view the liberal culture of mind, heart and soul, in conformity to the highest ideals of true womanhood, merits the attention and commendation of all Christian parents.

Surely the Synod which sustains to this institution the relation of a guardian mother cannot but rejoice over its present prosperity and its bright hopes for the future.

The claims of higher education for women challenge the Reformed Church with peculiar interest. The neglects of the past become startling in the light of present opportunity. With regard to the Woman's College of Frederick and Synod's relation to it, there can be no division of sentiments. Here is a central rallying point towards which the hearts of fathers, mothers, pastors and people should be drawn, and be bound thereto with unfaltering devotion.

Resolved, That the work, aims and purposes of the Woman's College of Frederick, as set forth in the report of the Board of Directors, be fully approved by the Synod.

Resolved, That the College be heartily commended to the patronage of the Synod.

Resolved, That pastors and people be requested to coöperate with President Apple and the Board of Directors in their efforts to more fully equip the institution and to increase its efficiency.

Resolved, That Synod empower the Board to effect at an early day upon as liberal terms as possible a lease of the College for a period of ten years with the privilege of renewal, the new lease to take effect upon the completion of

the present five-years' lease, and that when said lease be secured and properly signed the Stated Clerk be authorized to affix thereto the seal of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the third resolution, having reference to Franklin and Marshall College, consists of Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbach, W. C. Schaeffer, J. A. Hoffheins, A. H. Smith, G. B. Resser, M. O. Noll and L. Robb.

In considering the Overture contained in item 6 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Synod:

WHEREAS, The Synod recognizes the importance of North Carolina Classis as a most promising missionary territory, and sympathizes most heartily with the members of our congregations in that Classis in upholding the standards of the Reformed Church in that State; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize the great importance of Christian education as an essential element in building up the interests of our Church there as well as elsewhere; and,

WHEREAS, The needs of Catawba College have been brought to our attention, and our assistance solicited in placing said institution upon a better and more substantial basis; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that the best interests of the Church would be subserved by placing Catawba College upon a firm basis as a scientific and literary institution rather than by the establishment, at this time, of a Theological Department in connection with it; therefore,

Resolved, That with a view of establishing closer relations between the Synod and the College, and of opening the way for giving more effectual help to the College and securing for it a larger circle of friends and supporters, we invite North Carolina Classis to consider the propriety of placing the said Catawba College under the care of the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That in the event of North Carolina Classis giving favorable consideration to this overture, the Synod pledge itself to the cordial support of the College and to the prosecution of Christian education in that Classis.

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eshbach and Elder J. E. Roller, be appointed for the purpose of conferring with North Carolina Classis and formulating a suitable plan for carrying into effect the foregoing resolution, said plan to be reported to the Synod for adoption.

Subsequently the following was adopted:

In view of the present pressing needs of Catawba College, which cannot be met by the action taken by the Synod with reference to the interests of said institution,

Resolved, That a fund of four hundred dollars be raised by this Synod for the immediate relief of Catawba College, to be completed, if possible, by the 1st of January, 1896, and to be paid through the Treasurer of Synod to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Resolved, That the opportunity be extended to members of the Synod and friends of Catawba College, at the present session, to contribute toward this fund in cash, or pledges payable by the 1st of January, 1896.

Resolved, That Rev. E. R. Eschbach receive and hold all such moneys and pledges as may be contributed, *pro tempore.*

In the course of a few minutes cash and pledges were made to the amount of nearly three hundred dollars, the balance to be raised, if possible, by next New Year. In the same connection the following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay over to the Trustees of Catawba College for the use of the General Endowment Fund the moneys contributed by the Classes of Maryland, Mercersburg and Zion for the proposed theological teaching in connection with said College, as acquiesced in by the Classes named, and now in the Treasury, amounting to $381.91.

The Standing Committee, under item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE OF SEMINARY ENDOWMENT SECURITIES.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to audit the Seminary Endowment Securities beg leave to report:

That the duty assigned the committee was attended to on the 21st of October, 1895, and that the following securities and cash were found in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, to wit:

First Mortgages on Real Estate, Railroad Bonds and Notes Amounting to	$35,650.00
Cash in Hands of Treasurer	64.68
Total	$35,714.68
Fellowship Fund, one Real Estate Mortgage	$1,000.00
One Certificate of Deposit in Hanover Saving Fund Society	305.24
Cash in the Hands of the Treasurer	30.00
Total	$1,335.24

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee, to whom item 2 of the Report on Overtures has been referred, submitted the following report, which was considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod:

To your special committee there were referred two papers, each containing two items for our consideration.

The first is a communication from the Pittsburgh Synod, in which is expressed by resolution:

1. Its judgment that the professors in the Theological Seminary should receive equal salaries.

2. A request that this Synod appoint a committee of three to act with similar committees from the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods in selecting sites for houses for the Theological professors.

With reference to the first item, your committee readily acquiescing in the judgment expressed, suggested the following action:

Resolved, That to the end that the professors receiving a less salary, may receive a salary equal to that of the highest, the General Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary be earnestly and heartily commended to the generous givers among our people, that through their gifts the general fund may be so increased as to allow the Board, from the interest, to raise the salaries of all the professors until that each shall receive an amount equal to that of the highest as now paid.

With reference to the second item, your committee offer the following:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that the matter of selecting sites for the several professors' houses may be safely left to the good judg-

ment of the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee of the Seminary

The second paper is the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, of which two items were referred to us:

1. A resolution of the Board commending the request of Professors Gast, Rupp and Bowman that the privilege be granted the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods to building homes for their several professors.

Your committee recommend that the privilege be and is hereby granted as soon as the necessary funds are at hand.

2. To a further request of the Board asking this Synod to appoint a committee to act jointly with committees from the Eastern and Pittsburg Synods in selecting a site, in securing a design and in superintending the construction of the proposed building for Potomac Synod's professor.

In reference to this, be it

Resolved, That this whole matter be, and is hereby, referred to the Building Committee, consisting of Geo. N. Forney, S. N. Hench and Prof. J. C. Bowman, to act according to their best judgment, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, so conditioned as that it shall not involve this Synod in any pecuniary obligation.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Board that any excess of funds resulting from the canvass for the Seminary buildings be placed in the hands of the Building Committee for this purpose, be approved, and that for any shortage they be authorized to secure what further funds may be needed from friends of the institution, and in case they should yet be lacking, to effect a loan or to issue bonds at a low rate of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

In connection with item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod, it was ascertained that nothing had been done in the way of raising funds to cancel the mortgage and judgment indebtedness of Mercersburg College during the past year. The Chairman of the Committee having died, the balance of the Committee was, on motion, discharged, and the duty of making provision to meet said indebtedness was placed in the hands of the Board of Regents of the College.

The Commissioners appointed last year, as set forth in item 7 of Report on Minutes of Synod, failed to furnish the Synod with a written report, one member of the Commission stating, however, that for various reasons the duty assigned had not been performed.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Friday afternoon, Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and G. B. Resser were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz and Elder A. R. Schnebly were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years, and Rev. I. N. Peightel for two years, and M. C. McCardell was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., for the term of five years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., Members of the Board of Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely :

BOARD OF EDUCATION : Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and G. B. Resser, for three years ; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years ; Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE : Revs. W. J. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz and Elder A. R. Schnebly, for three years ; E. L. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoeflich and Rev. I. N. Peightel, for two years ; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and F. F. Bahner, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE : Elder A. C. McCardell, for five years ; Elder J. E. Roller, for four years ; Rev. E. R. Eshbach, for three years ; Rev. C. S. Slagle, for two years, and Elder W. H. Lakin, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY : Revs. J. S. Kieffer and C. Clever, for three years, and Revs. E. R. Eshbach and J. O. Miller, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY : Elders George N. Forney and Edgar Slagle, for five years ; Elders H. Wirt Shriver and Jacob H. Cost, for three years, and Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hench, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

Missions.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, Annual Report of the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several reports are as follows, with the exception of that of the General Board, which has been published in pamphlet form, and therefore is omitted here, to wit :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

DEAR BRETHREN: It is important that your Advisory Board continue to render a yearly report to the Synods, especially in reference to the finances of the year and the trust funds in our hand.

With this report, indeed as part of it, we send Treasurer Nissley's report as usual, knowing that its details are valuable in the study of our work.

It is matter for devout gratitude to God that a revival of business seems at hand, and that the coming year promises easier finances.

Perhaps it is enough to make the general statement that our work is in good condition; and for details concerning the missions we refer you to the yearly report of the General Board.

It is well, however, to call attention to the fact that the Hungarian work within the bound of the Eastern Synod is assuming unexpectly large proportions, demanding and deserving special help. We now have congregations at South Norwalk, Conn.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Trenton, N. J., and Mt. Carmel, Pa., with abundant material for another in New York City, where a pastor has just been located. At Mt. Carmel they two years ago built themselves a church, and at Trenton one will likely soon be built by the members; but at South Norwalk and Brideport loans must be given for the building of churches, and here our Church-building Funds again serve us well.

During the year the Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Memorial Church-building Fund was completed; the Freeland G. Hobson Fund was begun; several partial Funds have been increased, and two Funds have been paid into the treasury, namely, the Martin L. and Anna C. Lerch Church-building Fund and the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Church-building Fund. We now have thirty of these Funds on record, besides those in process of completion.

Let it be borne in mind that the helpfulness of these Funds lies not merely in the amount given, but especially in the fact that they are on hand for use just when most needed, a fact which has repeatedly been brought to the attention of our people. Hence our effort has been always to have several Funds in the treasury in advance of demand.

The available assets of the Board are now over $30,000, mainly in the form of first mortgages on church properties; and it is worthy of note that about half of this amount is made up of the Church-building Funds gathered within the last nine years.

One of the most important, as well as painful, acts of the year was the dropping of our Pacific Coast Missions. Our repeated efforts to transfer the work proved unavailing, and the Board did not feel justified in longer supporting it. Due notice was given all the missionaries, and support was withdrawn October 1, 1895.

Changes in the roll of missions, as well as items requiring action, will be found in the report of the General Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Dr.

I. FOR MISSIONS.

Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.		
Philadelphia	$1,895 46	
Tohickon	918 35	
Goshenhoppen	1,322 29	
East Pennsylvania	860 00	
Lebanon	983 99	
Schuylkill	1,489 97	
Lancaster	1,139 24	
East Susquehanna	918 39	
West Susquehanna	958 86	
Lehigh	1,242 14	
Wyoming	696 06	
		$12,424 75
Synod of the Potomac.		
Maryland	$2,109 33	
Mercersburg	841 58	
Juniata	1,204 84	
Carlisle	$563 41	
Zion's	359 79	
Gettysburg	206 00	
North Carolina	50 00	
Virginia	300 00	
		$5,634 95
		$18,059 70
From Miscellaneous Sources.		
Rev. G. Graedel, Ballard, Wash	$11 50	
St. John's Reformed Sunday-school, Phila., Pa	8 50	
F. at Huntingdon, Pa	5 00	
Anonymous, Phila. Pa	15 00	
" Baltim're, Md.	5 00	
Mrs. F. A. Gast, Lancaster, Pa	15 00	
Miss Ella Kreig, Buckeystown, Md	2 50	
Reformed Church, Frederick, Md	25 00	
1st Dept. Reformed Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa	4 25	

Mrs. Minerva J. Beard, Mifflinburg, Pa.	$5 00	
Ladies' Aid Society, Concord, N. C.	5 15	
Young Peoples' S. C. E., St. John's, Lebanon, Pa.	10 00	
A Friend, White Marsh, Pa.	5 00	
Mrs. John Kennedy	2 50	
Missionary Society, Frederick, Md.	25 00	
C. E. Society, 3d St. Church, Easton, Pa.	25 00	
Elder D. W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa., 85th birthday offering	20 00	
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	50 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, Mercersb'rg Classis	10 00	
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Heller, Phila., Pa.	20 00	
Christ Church, Phila., Pa.	221 50	
Grace Church, Kearneysville, W. Va	4 50	
Special offering from an elder	25 00	
Rev. I. M. Motter and members, Adamstown, Md.	14 00	
From three friends	600 00	
Emmanuel's Congregat'n, Hanover, Pa.	50 00	
M. W. Bahn, New Freedom, Pa.	5 00	
Sunday-school 1st Church, Hanover, Pa.	50 00	
Sunday-school 1st Church, Lenten offering, several classes	15 40	
Reformed Congregation at Riegelsville, Pa.	142 06	
Sunday-school at Riegelsville, Pa.	133 56	
Nevin Boyer Fund, Riegelsville, Pa.	5 00	
Mrs. S. A. Kretzing, Broadheadsville, Pa.	20 00	
Member at Buckeystown, Md.	2 00	
Sunday-school Christ's Church, Phila, Pa.	50 00	
Young Peoples' S. C. E. of St. John's, Lebanon, Pa.	10 00	
Rev. G. Vetter, salary refunded	16 00	
Rev. Geo. B. Resser, Hanover, Pa	16 00	
Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod	1,120 00	
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod, interest Gerhart legacy, 2 years	12 00	
		$2,781 42
Paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas. of General Board, for missions		$20,841 12

II. DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas., East Penna. Classis, for Stroudsburg, Pa.	$500 00	
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill for Rev. T. J. Bower	200 00	
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas., Schuylkill, for Rev. C. D. Yost	100 00	
Women's Mis. Soc. Phila. Classis, for Tioga Mission, Phila.	15 00	
Women's Mis. Soc. Phila. Classis, for Messiah Mission Phila	20 00	
Women's Mis. Soc Phila. Classis, for Calvary Mission, Phila.	$20 00	
Women's Mis. Soc. Phila. Classis, for Bethel Mission, Phila.	25 00	
1st Church, Lebanon, Pa., for Thomasville, N. C.	50 00	
1st Church, Lebanon, Pa., for Roanoke, Va.	10 00	
Kate and Lizzie Bell, Harrisburg, Pa., for Steelton, Pa.	5 00	
Kate and Lizzie Bell, Harrisburg, Pa., for Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	5 00	
Infant Dept. S. S. 1st Ch., Hanover, Pa., for Abilene, Kan.	8 62	
East Vincent Church, for Messiah Mis., Phila, Pa.	10 00	
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas., Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. F. B. Hahn	100 00	
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas., Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. H. Y. Stoner	400 00	
Women's Mis. Soc. St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Pa., for Rev. L. C. Harnish	25 00	
Elder C. M. Bower, Bellefonte, Pa., for Chicago Mission Church	10 00	
Elder Jared Harper, Bellefonte, Pa., for Chicago Mission Church	10 00	
St. John's Reformed S. S., Bellefonte, Pa., for Chicago Mission Church	10 00	
1st Reformed Ch'rch, Reading, Pa., for Chicago Mission Church	100 00	
Juniata Classis, for Chicago Mission Church.	152 00	
Geo. Hoobach, Carlisle Classis, for Chicago Mission Church	25 00	
Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas., Lancaster Classis, for Chicago Mission Ch.	25 00	
		$1,825 62
For Hungarian Missions as follows:		
Rev. J. W. Pontius, Treas., Juniata Classis	$76 00	
C. A. Shultz, Treas., Zion's Classis	5 81	
Edgar Slagle, Treas., Synod of the Potomac	48 00	
Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, Treas., Mercersb'g Classis	49 00	
J. J Nissley, Treas., Eastern Synod	776 84	
		$955 65
J. J. Nissley, Treas., Eastern Synod, for Harbor Mission		$473 09
Paid as designated		$3,254 36

III. CHURCH BUILDING.

Sept. 24, 1894. Balance in Treasury... $3,550 61

From Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.		
Tohickon	$217 00	
Goshenhoppen	41 00	
Lebanon	117 70	
Schuylkill	160 95	
Lancaster	25 00	
East Susquehanna	179 39	
Lehigh	270 00	
Wyoming	156 00	
		$1,167 04

From Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.		
Juniata	$223 59	
Carlisle	86 00	
Zion's	33 21	
Edgar Slagle, Treas. Synod	185 25	
		$528 05

For Church Building Funds.

CLASSES.		
West Susquehanna Fund	$42 51	
E. B. & C. S. M'Cauley Fund	30 00	
Martin L. & Anna C. Lerch Fund	500 00	
Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Fund	500 00	
Woman's Mis. Soc. Lebanon Classis Fund	113 00	
F. G. Hobson Fund	100 00	
Catechumens' Fund	16 67	
W. M. S. Wyoming Classis Fund	88 00	
		$1,390 18

From Loans Repaid.

Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md	$250 00	
Grace Ch'rch, Abiline, Kan	100 00	
Hamilton, Wash	200 00	
L. C. Seidel, on account of mortgage	300 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on account of judgment	200 00	
		$1,050 00
		$7,685 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. General Board	$1,036 57	
Paid amount designated by E. Susquehanna Classis for Tower City Mission	150 00	
Paid Loan to Thomasville, N. C	500 00	
Paid Loan to Wyoming Classis for Scranton, Pa	500 00	
Paid Loan to 1st Church, Steelton, Pa	1,008 00	
Paid Loan to Christ's Church, Lykens, Pa	500 00	
Paid Rev. W. Delany Bethel Mission, Phila., Pa	200 00	
Paid Loan to Mission, Mt, Pleasant, N. C	266 67	
		$4,161 23
Balance in Treasury Sept. 17, 1895		3,524 64
		$7,685 88

IV. INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 24, 1894	$588 54	
From Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md	16 00	
From Rev. Lewis Reiter, Roanoke, Va	90 00	
From Mrs. C. A. Fremell, Harrisburg, Pa	132 00	
From St. Stephen's Ch'rch, Baltimore, Md	75 00	
From L. C. Seidel, Steelton, Pa	216 00	
From Mrs. Amanda R. Wagner, Pottstown, Pa	100 00	
From Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa	19 00	
From Hamilton, Wash	31 25	
From Calvary Church, Scranton, Pa	50 00	
From General Board of Home Missions	50 50	
From Jesse Gery Legacy	2 50	
		$1,370 79

Disbursements.

Martin J. Sease, loan repaid	$700 00	
Anna & Barbara Leighty, loan repaid	300 00	
Interest on above loans	40 00	
Trav'ling expenses of b'rd, postage and stationery	89 17	
Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	150 00	
		$1,279 17
Balance in Treasury Sept. 18, 1895		91 62
		$1,370 79

V. LEGACY ACCOUNT.

From Jesse H. Gery, executor of Jesse Gery, East Greenville, Pa	$950 00	
Loaned to Trinity Mission, Altoona, Pa		$950 00

Respectfully submitted,

Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 18, 1895. JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Audited Sept. 23, 1895, and found correct.

J. O. MILLER,
A. C. WHITMER.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Rev. and Dear Brethren:—The Board of Foreign Missions would very respectfully beg leave to lay before your Reverend Body a general statement of the fortunes, the present condition and the outlook of our work in the Empire of Japan. We rejoice in being able to say that we come to you bearing glad tidings. Since last it was our privilege to address you, great changes have transpired in Japan, affecting not only its national and political interests, but also its relation to the work of Christian Missions within its bounds. At the outbreak and during the earlier stages of the recent war with China, grave apprehensions were entertained as to the effect it might have upon the diffusion of Christianity, but aside from a spirit of indifference

to its solemn claims, caused doubtless, in large part, by the universal absorption of interest in the war, and which we are sorry to learn still prevails, the effects have proved rather advantageous than damaging. The simultaneous happy solution of the vexed question of treaty revision has gone far to allay the anti-foreign feeling which had erected restraining barriers, while the practical demonstration against the allegations of the false religionists, that Christianity was not inimical to patriotism, has caused a change of attitude toward it on the part of the military and ruling classes to that of toleration and even favor. The widespread distribution of the sacred scriptures; the special features for preaching the Gospel to the soldiery, accorded by those in authority, and the underlying spirit of Christian charity as manifested in the offices of the Red Cross Association, all these combined have, by the blessing of God, lodged deep in the hearts of the people a holy principle, which, silently like leaven, is working a transformation which in large part seems not yet to be clearly understood by its subjects. Even though the spirit of indifference is still discernable, yet, in strange contrast, the attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel is increasing.

The regular work of our Mission has gone forward during the last year without interruption. The only evil effect, we are informed of, is a slight decline in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, some of them having entered the army. In the Girls' School there was a slight increase in the number of scholars. At the last commencement six young men graduated from the Theological Department, and are now going forth as evangelists; five graduated from the Collegiate Department, some, if not all of whom will enter the Theological Department. Five graduated from the Girls' School.

The death of Mr. Kaneko is felt to be a great loss to our Tohoku Gakuin, as he was expected to take the Chair of Old Testament Theology; hence the speedy going out this fall of Mr. Noss is felt to be the more urgent.

It is the feeling of the Board that with the reinforcement, by the going out of Mr. Noss, the teaching force in our institutions will be sufficient for the present. The most urgent need of our Mission at this time is additional buildings. The Girls' School is full to overflowing. More scholars could be gathered in, had we room for their accommodation. The present teaching force is sufficient for a larger number of scholars. In case of the Tohoku Gakuin, our present building is entirely too small. It has to serve for Seminary, College and Preparatory Department. We are short, at present, for recitation rooms and dormitory facilities, some of the dormitory rooms being used for recitation purposes. The Board has felt the urgent need of enlarged quarters, but in view of other necessities for which it felt constrained to ask enlarged contribution from the Church, it hesitated for the time being to press a new and large request. It was therefore with pleasure that it heard of the inauguration by the Classis of Philadelphia, of the enterprise, with the aid of the other Classis of the Church, of the erection of the Kenako Memorial Building. We bespeak for this enterprise the favorable consideration of those of our brethren whom God has blessed with means. Its realization will go far to relieve our embarrassment and enable a larger efficiency in our work.

We are happy in being able to say that the W. M. S. G. S. has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. For this very efficient co-operation in our blessed work by the women of our Church, the Board is profoundly thankful.

As to the finances of the Board, it is happy to tender to the Church its hearty thanks for the favorable response made to its enlarged requests. The oppressive part of our indebtedness *is paid*, for which we humbly thank God, and provision has meanwhile been made for all our current expenses. True, the full amount of apportionment has not been paid, but it has called out many contributions which else, most likely, would not have been made. The deficiency in this particularity was compensated for by the self-denial effort. Which effort, however, was but a partial success, this last year, in con-

sequence of a simultaneous special effort in the interest of another branch of our church work.

Of the presence in this country, on furlough, of our Missionary, Rev. W. E. Hoy, it is hardly needful that we speak. He is laboriously visiting our churches in furtherance of the cause to which he has consecrated his life. He is expected to be with you at your present meeting, and we heartily commend him to your most favorable consideration as an untiring, devoted and most faithful missionary of Jesus Christ. He will speak to you for himself.

In conclusion the Board would most earnestly request your Reverend Body to repeat the apportionment indicated by General Synod, and as experience has proved the efficiency and necessity of the self-denial effort, to appoint the coming lenten season, as a special time for earnest prayer and self-denial for the help and advancement of our blessed work of Foreign Missions.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

Mechanicsburg, Pa., August 27, 1895.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to present their report.

The following papers have been referred to us for consideration, viz:

I. The report of the Bi-Synodic or Advisory Board, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent, containing the report of the Treasurer, J. J. Nissley. The Board expresses its gratitude to God for the revival of business and for the promise of easier finances during the coming year. It calls the attention of the Synod to the growth of the Hungarian work and its claims upon the Church. It is with pleasure, also, that we note the growing number of church-building funds—two having been added during the present year—making thirty in all.

Resolved, That we learn with gratitude and joy of the prosperity of the work of Home Missions, and again commend this sacred cause to the sympathy, prayers and liberality of the people.

II. The annual report of the General Board of Missions.

1. We learn from the report that the Missions under the care of the Board were never in a more prosperous condition. Since April, 1894, a number of Missions have become self-sustaining, aside from those so marked. In April, 1895, there were ninety-five Missions on the roll, and of this number several have become self-supporting since then, and others only receive small allowance from the Board. Five new Missions have been enrolled, and, but for the lack of means, many more might have been enrolled in promising fields.

2. *The Chicago Mission.*—Last year the Synod assumed $1,000 for this work, and apportioned the same on the several Classes of the Synod. We recommend the following:

Resolved, that the attention of delinquent Classes be again called to this apportionment and the necessity of its early payment urged.

3. *The Harbor Mission.*—The Board calls the attention of the Classes and Synods to the condition of the Treasury as regards this Mission. The entire income of the Board for this work from April, 1894, to April, 1895—$564.03. The amount needed for this work—$1,000.

Resolved, That the Synod assume $200 of this amount and the same be apportioned on the Classes of the Synod.

4. *The Hungarian Work.*—The report of this work is most encouraging. There are now seven missionaries in the field and under the care of the Board. The sum of money apportioned on this Synod for the support of the work is $500.

Resolved, That the Synod accept this amount and apportion the same.

5. The Board calls attention to the necessity of supporting the fund of church building. We recommend the action taken by this Synod in previous years, that six cents per member be contributed to this cause.

6. The apportionment for Home Missions is $9,000.

Resolved, That the Synod accept this amount, and apportion the same upon the several Classes of the Synod.

III. From the report of the Board of Foreign Missions we learn that the work under the care of the Board is in a most prosperous condition. No evil effects have been suffered from the late war between China and Japan, except a slight decrease in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin. In the widespread distribution of the Sacred Scriptures as one of the beneficial results of the war, we have a signal proof of the truth that God maketh the wrath of man to praise Him.

There has been a slight increase in the number of pupils in the Girls' School. At the last commencement six young men graduated from the Theological Department, five from the Collegiate Department, and five from the Girls' School.

The Board reports with deep regret the death of Mr. Kaneko and refers to the loss which the institutions of the Church in Japan sustain in consequence.

We note with pleasure the inauguration by the Classis of Philadelphia, with the aid of the other Classes of the Church, of the erection of the Kaneko Memorial Building.

Resolved, That we commend this enterprise to the favorable consideration of those of our brethren whom God has blessed with means.

It is with profound thankfulness that we record the fact that the W. M. S. G. S. has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School.

The Board tenders its hearty thanks to the Church for the favorable response made to its enlarged necessities and earnestly requests your Reverend Body to repeat the apportionment of last year.

Your committee suggests the following for adoption.

Resolved, That Synod assumes ($5,100) for the work of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That Synod designate the first week of the coming Lenten season as a period for self-denial offerings for the work of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. LEVAN, *Chairman.*

The communication of Rev. J. G. Schmid, of the Portland-Oregon Classis, noted as item 4 of Report on Overtures, was referred first to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration, but that committee failing to report action in the case acceptable to the majority of the Synod, it was referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. G. A. Snyder, E. R. Deatrick and Elder J. L. Weber. This committee, after wrestling with the matter for some time, presented the following report (substantially agreeing with what had been recommended by the Standing Committee on Missions), near the close of the Synod, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The special committee to whom was referred the matter pertaining to the Missions within the bounds of the Portland, Oregon, Classis begs leave to report the following:

From the report of the Bi-Synodic Board, the Minutes of the Portland-Oregon Classis, and likewise through a communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, who had been elected as delegate primarius to the present meeting of the Synod, making a touching appeal to the Synod, as the mother of the Portland-Oregon Classis, not to cast them off, but to continue to support the Missions, which were under the care of the Board of this Synod until October 1, 1895, we learn that the Board of Home Missions has taken action discontinuing appropriations to the Missions within the bounds of said Classis, and that such action on the part of the Board causes the Classis to feel aggrieved. We

further learn that the Classis assembled in regular session took action to the end that she will zealously and earnestly endeavor to save the interests of the Reformed Church within her bounds. Therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deeply sympathize with the Portland-Oregon Classis, and sincerely deplore the condition of things pertaining to the missions within their bounds, we still endorse the action of the Board of Home Missions in withdrawing appropriations.

Resolved, further, That we express our gratitude to the faithful brethren of the Portland-Oregon Classis for their firm purpose to continue true to the Interests of the Reformed Church, with the hope that in the providence of God, they may solve this problem, which is of much concern to them and to us, to the glory of our common Lord.

Resolved, That an official copy of the foregoing action be transmitted to the Portland-Oregon Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SNYDER, *Chairman.*

The following was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod learns with pleasure that the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School in Sendai, Japan, and that we heartily recommend to the Woman's Missionary Society of this Synod, this noble undertaking.

Under item 13 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the Special Committee, appointed two years ago to effect a Synodical Missionary Society, submitted its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended and then adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE ORGANIZATION OF A SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Committee to whom was re-committed the matter of organizing a Synodical Missionary Society beg leave to present the following report, to wit:

The Committee held a meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., September 10, 1895. Representatives were present from Mercersburg and Carlisle (Classes), and also Mrs. M. E. Whitmore and Miss R. H. Schiveley, who, by the action of Synod in 1893, were appointed to coöperate with the Committee.

After careful consideration of the matter committed to the Committee, the following was unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, The instructions of the Synod to the Committee touching the organization of a Synodical Missionary Society, as contained in the printed minutes of its last two annual meetings, do not appear to the Committee to be altogether clear and entirely consistent throughout; therefore,

Resolved, That the Constitution adopted at the meeting held in Greencastle, Pa., in September, 1894, be so revised as to make it conform to the action of Synod, so far as that action is understood by the Committee, and that the Constitution, thus revised, be submitted as a part of the Committee's report to the Synod, at its approaching annual meeting in Frederick, Md., for its consideration, and, if satisfactory, for its sanction.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION

FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Society shall be: To encourage the formation of auxiliary societies, to disseminate missionary intelligence; to arouse enthusiasm in the work; and to raise funds for missionary purposes.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer; these officers to be elected at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

The membership of this Society shall consist of three delegates from each Classis or Classical Missionary Society, and one delegate each from other auxiliary societies in unrepresented Classes.

ARTICLE V.

The Society shall hold an annual meeting for the transaction of all necessary business, at such time and place as may be determined upon by it.

ARTICLE VI.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and have a general supervision of its work. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall preside.

ARTICLE VII.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a complete roll of all the delegates, and a correct record of the proceedings of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall keep a record showing all receipts and disbursements, shall pay only orders of the Society or Executive Committee drawn on the Treasurer and signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and shall at each annual meeting present an itemized statement of moneys received and disbursed.

ARTICLE IX.

The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the general correspondence of the Society, notify the members of the Executive Committee of the time and place of meeting, and promptly communicate to it any information in regard to missionary work necessary to its successful operation.

ARTICLE X.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society, the President being *ex-officio* Chairman of it. This committee shall have power to dispose of all business which may claim attention between the annual meetings of the Society. It may pay out moneys, under the provisions of this Constitution, and shall transact such other business of the Society as would suffer from being delayed until the annual meeting. It shall meet at the call of the President, and a majority of members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that two weeks' written notice of the proposed change be previously sent to the Executive Committee and the approval of the Synod be secured.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod Rev. C. A. Santee was elected a member of the Synodic Board of Missions for the term of four years.

At the same election Rev. A. C. Whitmer was duly nominated as the Synod's choice for Superintendent of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. C. A. Santee, for four years; Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for three years; Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for two years, and Rev. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

Finance.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, *in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 18, 1895.*

Dr.

Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund		$76 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod		57 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		76—	$133 76
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund		146 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod		110 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		41 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions		69 00	
" " " Calvin College		13 65	
" " " Church Building		187 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church		40 00—	606 65
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund		58 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod		44 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church		98 00—	200 00
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund, 2 years		76 00	
" " " Contingent Fund, 2 years, General Synod		56 00	
" " " Theological Seminary, 2 years		35 00	
" " " Calvin College		21 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church		66 00—	254 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund		93 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod		70 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		12 00—	175 00
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund		42 00	
" " " Contingent Fund, General Synod		32 00	
" " " Theological Seminary		4 77	
" " " Chicago Mission Church		25 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions		17 00—	120 77
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund		88 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod		67 00—	155 00
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund		49 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod		37 00—	86 00
" Portland, Oregon, Classis for Foreign Missions			25 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 12th, 1894			1,763 55
			$3,519 73

1894.	Cr. Expenditures.	
October 22.	By cash paid telegram greeting to Presbyterian Synod	$ 53
" 24.	" " Mr. W. Fisher, printing tickets . .	1 25
November 10.	" " Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., expense of Synod	25 00
" 10.	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Snyder, traveling expenses .	84
December 24.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., interest on Stoudenour Legacy due December 12, 11894 . . .	12 00
" 24.	By cash paid Reformed Church Publication House for publishing Minutes of Synod	212 00
" 24.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., postage and expressage	13 00
1895.		
January 4.	By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society, box sent for 1895	5 00
May 14.	By cash paid to Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., expense attending a meeting of Board of Visitors . .	3 30
" 28.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., expense attending a meeting of Board of Visitors	3 00
" 28.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill legacy	12 00
" 29.	By cash paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, for Foreign Missions	25 00
June 13.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission	25 00
" 19.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	48 00
" 26.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk	100 00
July 5.	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	4 75
August 3.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for church building	127 75
September 13.	By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treasurer to January 1, 1896	100 00
October 15.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary	75 00
" 15.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for church building	59 25
" 15.	By cash paid John J, Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	38 00
" 15.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission	40 00
" 15.	By cash paid Christ. G. Gross, Treasurer, balance of assessment of General Synod for Contingent Fund .	240 00
" 17.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission	164 00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	2,185 06
		$3,519 73

Respectfully submitted,

Hanover, Pa., October 18, 1895. EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows;

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and have found it correct.

The several amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Foreign Missions, $5,100; Home Missions, $9,000; Hungarian Missions, $500; Beneficiary Education, $4,200; Theological Seminary, Elocution and Current Expenses, $475; Contingent Fund of Synod, $500; English Mission Church of Chicago, $82; Harbor Missions, $200; Calvin College, $300; and for Church Building, six cents per member.

These several amounts your Committee has appportioned as follows:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, $2,485; Gettysburg Classis, $1,522; Juniata Classis, $1,450; Zion's Classis, $1,299; Mercersburg Classis, $974; Carlisle Classis, $655; Virginia Classis, $651; total, $9,036.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis, $1,247; Gettysburg Classis, $772; Juniata Classis, $748; Zion's Classis, $636; Mercersburg, Classis, $477; North Carolina Classis, $428; Carlisle Classis, $358; Virginia Classis, $342; total, $5,008.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis, $124; Gettysburg Classis, $77; Juniata Classis, $76; Zion's Classis, $64; Mercersburg Classis, $49; North Carolina Classis, $44; Carlisle Classis, $37; Virginia Classis, $35; total, $506.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, $976; Juniata Classis, $725; Gettysburg Classis, $600; Zion's Classis, $499; Mercersburg Classis, $450; Carlisle Classis, $350; Virginia Classis, $300; North Carolina Classis, $300; total, $4,200.

Theological Seminary, Elocution and Current Expenses.—Maryland Classis, $125; Juniata Classis, $78; Gettysburg Classis, $73; Mercersburg Classis, $50; Zion's Classis, $60; Carlisle Classis, $34; Virginia Classis, $30; North Carolina Classis, $25; total, $475.

Calvin College.—Maryland Classis, $74; Gettysburg Classis, $46; Juniata Classis, $45; Zion's Classis, $38; Mercersburg Classis, $29; North Carolina Classis, $25; Carlisle Classis, $22; Virginia Classis, $21; total, $300.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis, $133; Gettysburg Classis, $81; Juniata Classis, $77; Zion's Classis, $70; Mercersburg Classis, $52; North Carolina Classis, $42; Carlisle Classis, $36; Virginia Classis, $35; total, $526.

Chicago Mission Church.—Maryland Classis, $22; Juniata Classis, $13; Gettysburg Classis, $13; Mercersburg Classis, $12; Zion's Classis, $10; Carlisle Classis, $6; Virginia Classis, $6; total, $82.

Church Building.—Six cents per member.

Harbor Mission.—Maryland Classis, $49; Gettysburg Classis, $30; Juniata Classis, $29; Zion's Classis, $25; Mercersburg Classis, $20; North Carolina Classis, $18; Carlisle Classis, $15; Virginia Classis, $14; total, $200.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Carlisle Classis, $80.69; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $35.00. Making $105.69.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, $44.29; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $5.00. Making $49.29.

Chicago Mission Church.—Maryland Classis, $208.00; Gettysburg Classis, $154.00; Juniata Classis, $152.00; Zion's Classis, $128.00; North Carolina Classis, $82.00 (reapportioned among the other Classes), and Carlisle Classis, $47.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Zions Classis, $499.00; Maryland Classis, $290.77; Juniata Classis, $265.79, and Gettysburg Classis, $125.00.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Treasurer of Home Missions of the General Synod two hundred dollars out of funds on hand for Harbor Missions, the Synod having failed to make an apportionment for Harbor Missions last year.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees present to your honorable body the following report:

The account of the Treasurer of Synod showing the receipts from investments in his hands and the expenditures during the past year (all of which has been audited and examined by committee appointed) is respectfully submitted for your inspection and approval.

As the Rev. J. G. Noss, the member elected by your Synod last year, has now removed into the Eastern Synod, it devolves upon this Synod to elect another member for his unexpired term.

The term of George N. Forney will expire January 1, 1896, and it will be necessary to elect his successor, as by the Act of Incorporation he is not eligible for reëlection.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. FORNEY, *Secretary.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years, from January 1, 1896, and Rev. F. F. Bahner for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, five years; Rev. F. F. Bahner, four years; Elder Edgar Slagle, three years; Elder Jacob N. Slagle, two years, and Elder Henry M. Schmuck, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

Appeals and References.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

Complaints.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Sunday-Schools.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the Session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received, referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Sunday-school Board begs leave to offer the following report: Whilst since the establishment of your Board in 1873 there has often been doubt expressed as to the necessity of its existence, that doubt has become more pronounced since the establishment of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board at Reading, Pa., in 1893. The latter Board has directed the Sunday-school work of the Church, so far as that has been possible since the time of its appointment.

Your Board met and organized at the close of the Synod at York, Pa., last October, but during the year has held no meetings.

Rev. R. L. Gerhart, through the Board, presents to the Synod a bill for traveling expenses to the annual meeting of Mercersburg Classis in May, 1894, of $10.75.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. STEWART, *Secretary.*

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the bill of the Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Sunday-schools respectfully report that there was placed in our hands the report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod.

From this report we are gratified to learn that the Sunday-school work of our Church has been carried forward with commendable zeal and was attended with a marked degree of success.

The Treasurer of the Board reports the offerings of "Children's Day" to be some $3,000. The expenses for publishing the service "Beautiful Zion," including postage, etc., amounted to $637.94, and the sales to other Churches mainly to the Reformed Church in America amounted to $254.38, leaving the cost to our Board $383.56. The total receipts of the "Children's Day" offerings amount to about the retail price of the number of copies used. Hence virtually the general Sunday-school, work including Sunday-school missions, is supported by the profits of the "Children's Day" service which profits, if the Board did not issue a service, would go almost wholly into the hands of music publishers. It should be remembered also that the giving of copies of the service, free of charge, permits many schools to observe "Children's Day" which otherwise could not do so.

Fully one-half of the traveling expenses ($207.95) were covered by collections and cash given for that purpose.

We learn further that the Board in its plan of Sunday-school mission work instructs its Sunday-school missionary that he is to *coöperate* with the Committee of Classis and to respect their counsel and wishes, and not to labor within the bounds of a Classis except with the approval and under the supervision of its appropriate committee, thus avoiding complaints from the Classes and charges.

The number of schools organized through the Sunday-school Board was six, with a total of 431 officers, teachers and scholars, and the number organized indirectly and aided by grants of literature nineteen, with a total enrollment of over 2,000.

To aid the Sunday-school Board of the Church in the prosecution of its noble work within our bounds, your Committee recommends for adoption the following requests of the General Board:

1. That Synod of the Potomac urge upon the Classes a united movement to increase the Sunday-school membership of the Reformed Church, and that it be solemnly laid upon the heart and conscience of church members and the Sunday-school workers. Let persistent and definite effort be urged upon pastors and consistories and their schools to have a Sunday-school enrollment equal to or larger than the Church membership.

2. That the attention of the several Classes be again directed to the observance of "Children's Day," and the schools reminded that a blessed part of the services of this day is the presentation of offerings to carry on the work of the General Sunday-school Board, especially Sunday-school missions throughout our land.

3. That the Classes request pastors to remember that the work of Sunday-school missions depends for its support upon the offerings of Children's Day; that it is an appeal to Sunday-schools. It is carried forward in accord with Reformed Church polity, missionaries laboring under the supervision of Classes or their appropriate committees and schools always being organized with a view to the regular Church organization, or as an outpost and feeder to some neighboring church.

4. That the Classes urge their respective pastors and consistories to remember that the responsibility for the growth and efficiency of the Sunday-schools of the Church rests primarily upon them, and that only in proportion to their diligent interest and loving activity in teaching and training the children, and in gathering them in, as well as in interesting the Church membership in systematic Bible study, can the Reformed Sunday-school work be truly advanced to the high standard which its importance demands.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. W. I. Stewart was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years, and Rev. M. O. Noll for one year.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. W. I. Stewart, five years; Elder G. S. Griffith, four years; Rev. A. T. G. Apple, three years; Rev. I. N. Peightel, two years, and Rev. M. O. Noll, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

Church Government.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

Publication.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 20 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-second Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at the cost of $212. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed in December.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1895.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods:

Dear Brethren:—The Board of Publication is gratified to report that with each succeeding year evidences multiply of increasing interest and approval in

the existing method of conducting the affairs of your publication interests. It is also gratifying to note that many of those, who at first conscientiously opposed, now join heartily with those who advocated the departure made in 1887, in commending the present plan and the foresight which prompted it.

The publications themselves are favorably criticised, as practically evidenced in the increasing number of patrons and subscribers, especially to *The Messenger*, your chief organ. This particular publication is held in high esteem, and justly takes rank among the leading religious journals of the day.

The business side of the present plan of conducting your publications is so obvious as to preclude further comment.

These features would suggest, therefore, that an interest so well established in favor, and prosecuted under conditions so advantageous to the Church should be carefully conserved and its future usefulness and growth not impaired by ill-advised changes or divided support. Believing this, the Board bespeaks for this interest your continued favor and support.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in Philadelphia on the 4th day of September, 1895, at which the committee for that purpose reported that the books of the lessee had been examined and the receipts for the year found to be $37,433.80, an increase of $2,317.41 over the previous year. This amount being below the limit fixed as the basis for the guarantee, the Treasurer was paid the $1,200 bonus as provided in the lease.

At this meeting the Treasurer reported total funds in hand of $10,721.81, of which $996.81 were in cash and $9,725 in investments, yielding from 5 to 6 per cent. interest.

The attention of the respective Synods is called to the expiration, on January 1, 1896, of the term of S. Hoeflich, of Potomac Synod, and B. Wolff, Jr., of Pittsburgh Synod.

G. S. GRIFFITH *President.*

Attest:

EDWARD J. DUBAN, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, October 1, 1895.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Friday morning, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee respectfully reports that the only document coming into our hands and claiming our consideration was the annual report of the Board of Publicatian. From that report we glean the following facts for the information of this Synod:

At the annual meeting of the Board in Philadelphia on the 4th day of September, 1895, a committee previously appointed for the purpose reported that the books of the lessee had been examined and that the receipts for the year were found to be $37,433.80, an increase of $2,317.41 over the previous year. This amount being below the limit fixed at the basis of the guarantee, the Treasurer was paid the $1,200 bonus as provided in the lease.

At the same meeting the Treasurer of the Board reported the total funds in his hands as being $10,721.81, of which $996.81 were in cash and $9,725 in investments, yielding from five to six per cent. interest.

The Board calls the attention of this Synod to the fact that the term of Mr. Samuel Hoeflich, as one of its members, will expire on the 1st of January, 1896.

Your committee suggests the following action by your reverend body touching the matter in hand:

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with pleasure of the success attending the operations of our Publication Board, during the past year, as practically shown in the increasing number of patrons and subscribers to its vari-

ous publications, especially *The Messenger*, its chief organ, which is justly held in high esteem and takes rank among the leading religious journals of the day.

Resolved, That this Synod anew calls the attention of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and congregations to the importance of a still wider circulation and more hearty and generous support of the several publications of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Samuel Hoeflich was elected a member of the Board of Publication to serve for four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder S. Hoeflich, for four years; and Elder G. S. Griffith, for three years.

ARTICLE XXI.

Miscellaneous.

During the session of Thursday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of Friday afternoon's session. At the time designated the election was held, Revs. G. P. Fisher, H. N. Bassler, and Elders J. N. Slagle and R. L. Gray acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-schools and Publication.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

Two communications have been referred to us, viz: The annual statement of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa., and Bethany Orphan Home, Womelsdorf, Pa. From these reports we ascertain that both Homes are in a prosperous condition. The affairs of the same are conducted economically and in a practical manner. They endeavor to look after the best interests of the children, both morally and spiritually, and see to it that they are all trained in every way, so as to develop full and true manhood and womanhood. It is estimated that it costs about $100 to maintain a child at these Homes. Care is taken so that only those who are actually needy and worthy are admitted within the Homes. To all such their doors are open to children from our Synod as well as from other portions of the Church.

There are now at St. Paul's Orphan Home ninety children. Of these twelve are from our own Synod. Last year our Synod contributed for their support less than $700, which was only a little more than half of what was required to maintain them at the Home. The Board and Superintendent kindly call our attention to this fact and urge the Synod to raise sufficient funds to support its children.

Bethany Orphan Home now numbers 112, and five more admitted will shortly enter the Home. Of this number, at present, there are sixteen from our Synod. All of these are dependent upon the Church at large for support, as they have no boarders.

The Synod is asked to kindly give this Home its hearty support, so that the family may be brought through the winter before them.

In view of these facts, we offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we commend these Orphan Homes to the sympathy, prayers and generous support of our Classes, pastors and people, that the needs of the children may be supplied and the embarrassments of the Homes relieved.

Resolved, That we further recommend to our Classes, pastors and consistories to remember that the orphans from the bounds of our Synod are almost equally divided between St. Paul's and Bethany Orphan Homes, and that both deserve a share of our offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. STOVER, *Chairman.*

Revs. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, claims and needs of their respective Homes.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

Dear Fathers and Brethren.—Inclosed find the annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, which we ask to be incorporated in the Minutes of your venerable body.

As Treasurer permit me to state that the following sums have been received during the past year from the different Classes, to wit:

Maryland, $180.70; Gettysburg, $177.88; Zion's, $62.23; Mercersburg, $51.43; Virginia, $30; Carlisle, $17.62; making in all, $519.86. During the past year the Society has paid to ten annuitants, in your bounds, $825. That is to say $105.14 more than was received. Of the new applicants for aid at least two are from your Synod. From these facts it will appear that there is need for greater liberality and larger giving to the causes of relief by the different Classes. With the prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy

Ghost in your deliberations. I am your co-laborer in the service of our common Lord and Master.

SIMON L. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Mount Pleasant, Md., October 22, 1895.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers, presents for publication in the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year closing September 30, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last report	$2,796.34
" from matured loan	2,000.00
" " collections in the churches	1,442.47
" " royalty on church hymnal	715.80
" " interest on investments	647.50
" " Pittsburgh Synod, special	325.00
" " miscellaneous sources	221.66
	$8,148.77

EXPENDITURES.

Paid forty-two annuitants	$2,633.42
" for investment	2,000.00
" " expenses	138.72
Cash in Treasury Sept. 30, 1895	3,376.63
	$8,148.77

Of the cash in the treasury all possibly will be needed to meet the appropriations made by the Society at its annual meeting, October 22, 1895, as there will be at least five new applications.

In the past year the membership has increased by the addition of twenty life and one annual members, as follows:

Life Members.—Revs. Josiah May, John Naille, Samuel Kuhn, Alpha K. Kline, Rudolph Duenger, D. D., Alfred F. Driesbach, Ph. D., Alfred P. Horn, Chas. W. Levan, Hiram J. Macalister, Jas. W. Mabry, Franklin W. Smith, Wm. J. Kershner, Reuben Rahauser, Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., Wm. G. Engle, Oliver H. Strunck, Hiram J. Frantz, Abraham Bartholomew, Geo. B. Resser and Geo. P. Stem.

Annual Member.—Rev. Sigismund Romeis.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.; Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

The following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested

to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

Item 3 of Report on Overtures was referred for consideration to a special committee composed of Revs, J. O. Miller, C. A. Santee and Elder J. E. Roller. This Committee near the close of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Special Committee to whom were referred the papers setting forth the financial condition of Wichita University, and asking for some material encouragement, begs leave to report that we have carefully examined the frank report of the officers of the University, and regret the circumstances that have compelled them to shut the doors. They say, however, that they are hopeful; that some "great things" can yet be accomplished if they can secure material aid from the East. We earnestly hope they may find some way of realizing their hopes. Your committee, however, is convinced that this Synod is not prepared to supplement the $4,000 already given them for the same purpose. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be and is hereby instructed to reply to this overture to the effect that it is out of our power to furnish such material aid.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted, namely:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Michael Schlatter, the great organizer of our Reformed congregations in the United States, began his pioneer work in the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac, in May, 1747, it is eminently right and proper that the 150th anniversary of this notable event should be commemorated during 1897 by suitable memorial services; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee, with the President of Synod as Chairman, be appointed to report at the annual meeting of the Synod in Altoona, next year, a suitable programme of services in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the organizations of Reformed congregations in the territory of the Synod of the Potomac.

The committee called for in the foregoing resolution consists of Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. S. Kieffer and G. A. Whitmore.

At the opening session of Wednesday Revs. J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick and C. W. Levan, were constituted a reportorial committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Press Committee, appointed by the Synod, to furnish daily reports of the proceedings for publication in the papers of the day, begs leave to report that such abstracts have been furnished to the *Daily News*, of Frederick; the Baltimore *American*, and *Sun*, of Baltimore, and the Altoona *Tribune*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman.*

Revs. J. C. Bowman, E. R. Eshbach and Elder E. A. Shriner were constituted a special committee to devise a plan for the transaction of business of the Synod not in conflict with the Rules of Synod; said Committee to report to the next annual meeting.

Revs. I. M. Motter, F. F. Bahner and Elder S. Hoeflich were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence. Shortly before final adjournment the committee reported, which was adopted, and the leave of absence is noted by the letter appended to the names of delegates excused on the roll of *Delegates Present.*

Professor Chas W. Ely, Superintendent of the Maryland Institution for the Deaf, located at Frederick, Md., kindly extended an invitation to the Synod to visit said Institution. The invitation was accepted and at 3.30 o'clock on Friday afternoon the Synod in a body made the visit.

A similar invitation was made to the Synod to visit the Woman's College of Frederick, by President J. H. Apple, on Wednesday afternoon, which was accepted and the visit made to said Institution in a body by the Synod. On Friday night, after the services in the church, a generous reception was likewise given the members of Synod by President Apple and associates of the Woman's College.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the pastor of the Church in which the sessions of Synod were held twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to submit the following report:

But two of our number were taken to another sphere since the last meeting. We note:

REV. HENRY W. HOFFMEIER.

On the 12th of April, 1895, early on Good Friday, Henry W. Hoffmeier entered into rest. He was the eldest son of Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier, of

blessed memory. Brother Hoffmeier was born at Lancaster, Pa., December 26, 1832, and died at the age of 62. Born into the Kingdom by baptism, at the hands of his grandfather, Rev. John H. Hoffmeier, in due time, after proper instruction, he was confirmed by his father at Womelsdorf, Pa. He became a druggist, which he followed for a number of years, when he felt himself called to the work of the ministry and entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in the fall of 1866, and remained until 1868, when he was licensed to preach by the Classis of Lancaster, then in session at Manheim. On the 14th of June, 1868, he was ordained at Altoona by Mercersburg Classis. He was settled as pastor in the Yellow Creek charge, Bedford County, Pa., after that the Mill Creek charge, Shenandoah County, Va., and afterward the Zion Valley charge, Armstrong County, Pa. After resigning this charge he became agent for the "Church Publishing Board," where he did good services Because of declining health he relinquished the active duties of the ministry and settled at Middletown, Md., and became proprietor of the drug store in that place. As his health permitted and opportunity offered he preached, his sermons always being instructive and edifying. He was unassuming, honest in his convictions and consistent in his life, as a man and a minister. He was never married, was frail in body and for years had not known good health. The contest waged for years finally closed and he entered into his rest. His remains rest in the beautiful cemetery adjoining the Reformed Church, Middletown, Md.

"To die is landing on some silent shore,
Where billows never break nor tempests roar;
Ere well we feel the friendly stroke 'tis o'er."

REV. CALVIN U. HEILMAN.

A faithful and efficient minister and servant of Christ! Born in Heilmandale, Lebanon County, Pa., in 1840, he was the only son of George Heilman, and died at Petersburg, Huntingdon County, Pa., on the 24th of July, 1895. He was given to the Lord in Holy Baptism, and in due time became a member of the Church by confirmation, entering into full communion, participating in the blessed means of grace. After preparation he entered Franklin and Marshal College, graduating in 1862 and entered the Theological Seminary the same year, leaving in 1864. He was licensed by the Eastern Synod, at Lancaster, in 1864, became an assistant to Rev. Henry Heckerman, then pastor at Bedford, Pa., where he remained for about six months. He was called to the pastorate known as the St. Clairsville charge, where he settled in the summer of 1865. In this charge he was ordained to the Holy Ministry by a committee of Mercersburg Classis, August 19, 1865, and installed pastor the following day, August 20th, services in the St. Clairsville church. This charge was composed of five congregations in the Counties of Bedford and Blair. It covered a large territory, requiring constant, unwearied labor, to which, as a young pastor, he consecrated himself. In the course of a few years he had the satisfaction of seeing the fruits of his self-denying labor. The charge was ripe for division, new churches were built, the division followed and two self-supporting charges were the result. This was accomplished, amidst much labor, toil, anxiety and care, by faith and Christian heroism and the continued blessing of God. Being financially successful in his great work he was called to become the financial agent for Franklin and Marshall College, in 1872, where he rendered excellent service. In 1875 he resigned this trust and accepted a call to the Elk, Lick charge, Somerset, County, Pa. His influence made itself felt while here, in building up and strengthening what was at hand. We next find this earnest and laborious servant of Christ at Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., where his labors told for Christ and the Church. But a few years ago, in 1893, he accepted a call to the Greencastle charge and entered

upon the work with the same earnestness and zeal as in former years, although at times admonished of impending trouble, the foundation for which was laid in the past years of his restless life. In a short time after his settlement he was obliged to intermit service for a brief space in the hope that some rest would restore him to health and strength. In this he was disappointed and in June last arranged to take a long vacation, his pulpit meanwhile supplied, in the hope that with a change of location and medical care he would be enabled to resume his life's work. He found a home with some kind friends at Petersburg, Pa., where he tarried for a few days, living between hope and fear. The contest soon ended, death obtained its prize, but this faithful servant of God the victory. Here he breathed his last peacefully, in the hope of a blessed immortality. Thus closes an active, useful life, full of labor and toil.

"There is a Reaper whose name is Death,
And, with his Sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

Rev. C. U. Heilman was an earnest and conscientious minister, faithful to his trust; he had the confidence of the Church, was one of the executors of the Wilhelm estate; a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College; a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and so in the midst of usefulness the call came and he was taken away. But with the faithful preceding him and us, we are still linked to them and are in the same communion and fellowship, and we toil on and labor until life's work is done, when the faithful shall pass beyond and join the redeemed of all ages. Our Christian faith falters not, but clings to and firmly holds the Articles of Hope, believing in the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

Resumption and Close.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be returned to the pastor, consistory and members of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, and other citizens, for their kind entertainment and generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned by the Stated Clerk to the management of the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Western Maryland Railroads for the favor of reduced rates to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and Rev. F. C. Yost and Elder J. B. Zimmerman failing to respond to the call of their names, were noted as absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Adjournment.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Trinity Reformed Church of Altoona, Blair County, Pa., Tuesday evening, October 13, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 28th, at 10 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *President.*
WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congs.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'ms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Names	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'al Purposes.	
Jacob O. Miller. D. D.....	Trinity 1st Ref. York.	1	370	102	17	7	21	6	325	9		8	12	2		495		$768	$2856	113 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron Spangler,.....	Trinity	7	590	289	52	4	47	7	469	1		2	15	12	50	564		145	1020	507 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Reuben Rahauser,.....	Without Charge.....																			112 Strawberry St., Lancaster, Pa.
Oliver P. Schellhamer.....	Paradise.....	4	995	605	81	5	20	6	896	5			19	12	94	925		515	2435	413 W. Philadelphia St., York, "
Aaron H. Leisse	Dillsburg	4	254	141	8		4		164	2			9	4		64		64	545	Dillsburg, York County, "
Isaac N. Peightel.....	Grace Ref., York....	1	216	128	15	1	5	16	197	2		3	2	1	24	354		550	1350	North Hartley St., York, "
Morgan A. Peters.....	Zion's Ref. "	1	435	275	27		24	33	377	4		95	26	1	35	435	1	215	1985	411 W. Philadelphia St., York, "
Francis C. Yost.....	Heidelberg, "	1	388	175	10	4	15	23	275	3			3	1	41	416	2	367	1700	18 S. Queen St., " "
Gideon P. Fisher.....	Kreutz Creek.....	3	317	238	24	12	50	14	211	3			9	1	77	582		164	1050	Hellam, York County, "
Gerny Weber	Glen Rock.....	3	380	190	9	6	33	6	339	4		1	8	3		160		325	745	Glen Rock, " " "
Hiram J. Hillegass.....	Shrewsbury.....	4	500	325	20	7	23	13	360				11	4		230	1	182	1057	Shrewsbury, " " "
Charles P. Kehl.....	St. John's.....	2	83	54	9		9	10	71				1	2	16	314	1	202	753	Red Lion, " " "
Charles P. Kehl, supply...	Mt. Pleasant.....	2	114	70	5		4		95				3	3	30	210		30	400	" " " " "
Wm. H. Loose.....																				
Total, 13.	12	33	4642	2592	277	46	255	134	3779	33		109	118	46	367	4749	5	$3527	$15896	

Ministers	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptm's Infants.	Baptm's Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate and Reprofession	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregati'al Purposes.	Post Office Address.
Joseph W. Santee, D. D. ..	Without Charge.....																		Cavetown, Md.
George L. Staley, D. D....	" "																		1628 N. Calvert St., Baltimore "
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Ev. Ref. Ch. Fred'ck.	1	642	365	39	1	23	9	582	14		4	25	1 69	600		$1615	$3025	Frederick, "
William Goodrich.....	Clearspring	2	200	90	16	1	4	4	170	3			6	2 25	150		203	900	Clearspring, "
J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D..	Zi'n Ch,, Hagerstown	1	431	230	8	2	11	11	367	11			12	1 40	317		734	4900	229 N. Potomac St., Hagerst'n, "
Joel T. Rossiter, D. D....	First Church.....	1	537	381	36	1	22	8	425	21			14	1 41	330	2	606	2560	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, "
F. Franklin Hoffmeier....	Middletown	1	490	270	25	2	30	2	348	7			12	1 40	300		534	1100	Middletown, "
Anthony Shulenberger....	Without Charge.....																		China Grove, N. C
Conrad Clever, D. D.....	Third Church.....	1	347	105	16	2	12	4	314	26			5	1 38	260	1	1140	3000	518 W. Mulberry St., Balto., Md.
Silas M. Hench	Utica	3	371	245	22	2	18	1	229	3			5	3 36	220	1	194	895	Frederick, "
Jacob B. Kerschner.....	Without Charge... .																		Emmitsburg, "
Louis F. Zinkhan	Prison Chaplain.....																		325 E. Lafayette Ave., Balto., "
E. Ranson Deatrick.....	Trinity	1	175	104	11	3	3	3	128	1			4	1 23	163	1	163	1448	342 3d Ave., Woodberry, "
Barton R. Carnahan.....	Mt. Moriah.....	3	231	99	10	2	25	1	178	5			4	1 37	252		156	812	Keedysville, "
Calvin S. Slagle	Westminster.....	1	141	76	6		2	4	124	6		1	1	1 16	85		145	1600	Westminster, "
George A. Snyder.....	Christ Ch., Hagerst'n	2	295	118	21	1	12	8	218	3			5	2 34	275	1	161	6076	Hagerstown, "
Adam S. Weber	Faith	1	160	150	34		22	18	125	12		11	9	1 35	505		155	1904	2424 E. Baltimore St., Balto., "
George A. Whitmore.....	Thurmont.....	4	422	439	45	2	20	20	358	17			18	4 37	375	1	188	780	Thurmont, "
A. Thomas G. Apple.....	Grace.....	1	146	43				6	102	5				1 14	103		178	952	1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
Harry F. Dittmar.....	Jefferson	2	217	112	10		8	3	190	5		1	2	2 23	127		225	850	Jefferson, Md.
Geo. W. Snyder.....	Boonsboro.....	2	128	83	4	1	4	7	86	3			3	2 21	120		104	518	Boonsboro, "
James R. Lewis.....	Sabillasville	3	121	67	4	2	18	9	93	4		2	2	2 26	150		60	400	Sabillasville, "
Chas. W. Levan.....	St. Stephen's.....	1	65	43	7		8	11	54				2	1 10	59		31	402	330 E. 20th St., Baltimore, "
Hiram J. Macalister.....	Carroll	3	280	80	23	1	8	2	211	7		38	7	3 30	217		127	735	Westminster, "
Atvill Conner.....	Glade	2	187	124	10	1	3	15	163	9		1	4	2 46	150		215	1075	Walkersville, "
Chas. A. Santee.....	Cavetown	3	388	93	15	7	12	9	339	14		2	6	3 35	165		214	958	Cavetown, "
William I. Stewart.....	Christ	1	160	118	9	2	7	10	130	3		3		1 23	250		174	1140	2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balto., "
Isaac M. Motter.....	Manor	3	242	124	14		10	4	212				5	3 41	204		359	1752	Adamstown, "
Lloyd E. Coblentz.....	St. Paul's.....	1	394	192	15	2	17	30	327	4		5	19	1 37	420	2	547	2257	407 N. Carrollton Ave., Balto., "
Samuel M. Roeder.....	Manchester	3	559	247	25	1	14	8	400	4		1	5	3 45	290		264	1171	Manchester, "
Vacant.....	Ch. of Incarnation..	1	143	72	5		11	5	131				7	1 10	61		77	689	Emmitsburg, "
William C. Sykes.....	Burkittsville	2	144	74	14	3	11		126	1			6	2 19	120		55	1031	Burkittsville, "
Alex. Bateman.....	Taneytown.....	2	300	150	18		20	8	260	7		9	5	1 22	170		96	939	Taneytown, "
K. Otis Spessard	Union Bridge.....	3	291	110	7	3	12	8	222	3		2	4	3 22	170		116	980	Union Bridge, "
Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.	Silver Run.....	1	515	305	26		22	2	380	3		23	8	1 19	133		196	1000	Silver Run, "
Simon S. Miller.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	4	165	106	15		1		149	2			1	3 31	240		127	356	Mt. Pleasant, "
Christopher Noss.....																			Sendai, Japan.
	Fairview.....	1	56	30	4		1	2	41	1				1			27	60	
Vacant.....	Grace, Baltimore....	1	32	3	3		8	24						1 13	100		30	50	
Total, 39.		62	8975	4578	517	42	401	256	7183	205		103	196	57 958	7357	9	$9228	$45335	

Licentiates—Joseph H. Apple, Jr., Frederick; Harry W. Wissler, Thurmont; Fred. Wm. Bald, Baltimore.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'al Purposes.		
Wm. M. Deatrick D. D.....	Without Charge.....																			Mercersburg, Franklin Co.,	Pa.
Jacob Hassler, D. D.....	"																			Fort Loudon, "	"
William C. Cremer, D. D..	"																			Chambersburg, "	"
Franklin F. Bahner.....	Waynesboro.....	2	430	180	20	6	11	11	330	10		53	12	2	54	331		$498 50	$1300 00	Waynesboro, "	"
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without Charge.....																			Greenvillage, "	"
Geo. B. Russell, D. D.....	"																			Zullinger, "	"
Jonas B. Shontz.....	2d Ch., Chambersb'g.	1	319	143	21	12	23	15	294	1		7	1	1	28	324		183 35	1466 00	Chambersburg, "	"
Zwingli A. Yearick.....	Mercersburg.....	2	347	150	15	5	10	21	239	11		2	11	2	31	184		508 07	1144 62	Mercersburg, "	"
Tilghman R. Dietz.....	Shippensburg	1	230	80	1	8	10	16	208	4		10	4	1	20	175		237 56	1029 00	Shippensburg, Cumberl'd Co.,	"
Irwin M. Beaver.....	Grindstonehill	2	420	148	17	20	31	11	391	6		9	8	2	37	269	1	226 00	1575 00	Marion, Franklin Co.,	"
George C. Erb.....	McConnellsburg.....	3	128	86	6		6	4	119	7			2	4	22	155		52 91	1200 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co.,	"
William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1st Ch., Chambersb'g.	1	366	300	14	1	8	4	272	10		53	6	1	30	233		858 17	1903 31	Chambersburg, Franklin Co.,	"
George S. Gill.....	Loudon.....	3	212	113	16	14	29	17	172	3		4	7	3	33	224	3	92 35	519 03	Fort Loudon, "	"
Henry N. Bassler.....	St. Thomas.....	4	194	83	12	19	38	10	189	5		39	6	4	45	232	1	79 83	865 00	St. Thomas, "	"
George R. Zacharias.....	Without Charge.....																			Upper Strasburg "	"
Lewis P. Krome.....	" "																			Lisbon, Linn Co., Iowa.	
John M. North.....	Licentiate.																			Mercersburg, Franklin Co.,	Pa.
William M. Irvine, Ph. D..	" Pr. Mer. Col.																			" "	"
Vacant.....	Greencastle.	2	394	279	14	10	19	16	350	4			12	2	54	250		322 57	2612 82	Greencastle, "	"
"	St. P'l's of W'nsboro.	2	234	175	7	2	11	14	180	8		2	4	2	36	238		267 50	1007 00	Waynesboro, "	"
"	*Mont Alto.....	3	133	62	4		3	4	104	2			1	2	18	105	1	72 00	2154 05	Mont Alto, "	"
Total, 18.		26	3407	1799	147	97	199	143	2848	71		179	74	26	408	2720	6	$3398 81	16775 83		

*Statistics of last year.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptm's Infants.	Baptm's Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregati'al Purposes.	Post Office Address.
H. St. John Rinker	Without Charge																			Mauertown, Va.
H. Talhelm																				
J. A. Hoffheins, D. D	Martinsburg	1	339	175	17	2	9	7	261	4			5	1	27	190	1	$433 34	$1226 21	Martinsburg, W. Va.
J. W. Rauch	Smithfield & F. W.	2	27	8	1		1		23				2	1		35		12 00	64 98	" "
George G. Everhart	Shepherdstown	2	149	59	5		4		131	2		2	2	2	25	122		116 00	500 00	Shepherdstown, "
John T. Balliet	Middlebrook	3	184	66	3	4	8	4	140	1		4	4	2	21	235		62 00	415 00	Midddlebrook, Va.
Josiah May	Without Charge																			Hawkinstown.
T. K. Cromer	Lovettsville	1	117	70	5	4	25	3	14	4			2	1	16	80		103 00	475 20	Lovettsville, Va.
Lewis Reiter	St. Paul's	1	21	17	2			1	20				2	1	7	45		28 00	475 00	Roanoke, "
C. B. Heller	Mt. Crawford	2	164	42	4	4	10	1	148	3			5	2	32	196		263 00	749 00	Mt. Crawford, "
J. B. Stonesifer	Winchester	2	127	109	19		11		84				1	2	16	100	1	135 14	416 00	Winchester, "
S. A. Hitner	Edinburg	3	179	71	16	5	5	2	158	1			5	3	29	98		40 88	1087 00	Edinburg, "
A. B. Bauman	Harrisville	2	181	80	5	1	4	2	162				7	2	19	145		140 40	706 00	Tomsbrook, "
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock	2	230	124	5		3	3	195	1			5	1	20	150	1	243 00	4054 84	Woodstock, "
J. Phillip Harner	Timberville	2	180	84	13	8	26	1	151			8	3	2	15	80		109 00	370 00	Timberville, "
Henry Ditzler	Mill Creek	4	167	163	10		7		121	4			8	3	33	155		66 40	710 20	Mt. Jackson, "
J. Silor Garrison	Harrisonburg	1	10	8			1		10									9 00	63 00	Harrisonburg, "
A. D. Wolfinger	Rockingham	4	315	97		2	3		242			3	5	4	46	233		291 00	1028 00	Mt. Crawford, "
		32	2390	1173	105	30	117	24	1957	20		17	56	27	306	1864	3	$2150 00	12338 00	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'nal Purposes.	
Thomas Long	Without Charge																			Salem N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil	" "																			Thomasville, "
John Ingle	" "																			Green Park, "
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Lincoln Charge	4	289	216	11		23	6	235				3	3	19	175	1	$245	$630	Newton, "
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	Prin. China G'v Hg Sc																			China Grove, "
Michael L. Hedrick	Mt. Tabor Mission	1	45	24		1	5		32				1	1	8	50		6	25	Silver Hill, "
John A. Foil, Ph. D.	Prof. Catawba Coll'ge																			Newton, "
Paul Barringer	East Rowan Charge	2	300	238	19		6	7	271	11			2	2		336		160	498	Heilig, "
Joseph L. Murphy	Hickory Charge	3	224	110	3		14	1	203					3	15	165		84	919	Hickory, "
Jacob C. Leonard	Upp'r Davidson Chg.	5	455	152	17	3	25	8	343	8		10	5	5	41	300		117	529	Lexington, "
J. M. Luther Lyerly	Central Rowan Ch'g.	4	176	181	17	8	8	11	167		1		7	4	40	330	1	46	808	Faith, "
Andrew H. Smith	Newton Charge	1	158	70	7	1	9	11	105	1			4	1	16	82	1	102	870	Newton, "
James D. Andrew	Guilford Charge	4	465	193	8	2	61	5	428	1	1		2	3	33	318		121	483	Danville, "
Julius H. Shuford	Without Charge					17														Middlebrook, Va.
H. A. M. Holshouser	Catawba Charge	4	132	53	11	19	19	7	105			7	6	1	7	42		55	508	Conover, N. C.
William H. McNairy	Low'r Davids'n Chg.	5	322	112	17	2	43	5	222	4	1	21	3	5	30	308		61	200	McKee, "
B. Frank Davis	Concord Charge	2	264	136	9		15	10	180	2			1	2	18	197	1	87	550	Concord, "
Vacant	West Rowan Charge.	2	251	133	5	2	23		230	2			5	2	23	145	1	40	89	China Grove, "
Jacob C. Leonard	Thomasville Mission.	1	18	2			4	14	18								1			Lexington, "
J. L. Murphy (supply)	Mt. Bethel Mission	1	32	29	1				28	1				1				6		Blowing Rock "
Paul Barringer	Mt. Pleasant Mission.	1	9	8	1				8											Heilig, "
17		40	3140	1857	126	54	265	85	2575	30	3	38	39	33	250	2448	6	$1130	$6309	

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
					Infants	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'al Purposes.	
William K. Zieber, D. D...	Without Charge.....																			Hanover, York, Co., Pa.
John C. Bowman, D. D	Professor in Sem.....																			444 West James St., Lancaster, "
Thomas J. Barkley, D. D..	Gettysburg	2	395	354	11	2	9	8	340	1		3	14	2	34	245	1	$312	$1150	Gettysburg, Adams Co., "
John H. Hartman.....	Lischey's	4	690	445	44	1	58	1	655	7			21	4	40	355		198	1000	Hanover, York Co., "
Franklin A. Guth..... ..	Jefferson	3	770	668	65	1	35	2	732	10		5	15	3	30	400	1	208	6360	Codorus, " "
Walter E. Krebs	Without Charge.																			Littlestown, Adams Co., "
Francis S. Lindaman	Christ Church.....	3	710	500	40	2	29	5	650	9		3	12	3	30	400	4	440	1300	" " "
Joseph D. Peters	Trinity (Hanover)...	1	464	321	22	1	17	21	314	7		5	17	1	26	340			1813	Hanover, York Co., "
George B. Resser	Emman'el (Hanover)	1	390	170	7		16	7	326	13			5	1	38	242	1	3504	1978	" " "
George P. Stem.	Littlestown.....	1	305	150	11	1	25	6	271	4			4	1	18	160	2	269	1375	Littlestown, Adams Co., "
Edward D. Miller.....	West Manheim.....	2	214	85	12		1		175	2			5	2	10	95		72	400	Hanover, York Co., "
J. Marion Mickley.....	Without Charge....																			McKnightstown, Adams Co., "
J. F. Mackley, M. D.	Cashtown.....	3	353	231	18	1	11	7	256	6		4	13	3	31	200		164	737	Fairfield, " "
William D. Lefevre.....	Without Charge.....																			Littlestown, " "
Peter E. Heimer.....	Abbottstown.....	3	550	385	55	6	29	26	512	5			20	3	48	340		203	1252	New Oxford, " "
Milton M. Noacher.....	Arendtsville	2	448	323	21	7	23	1	384	3			15	2	29	295	1	369	974	Arendtsville, " "
George W. Welsh.....	East Berlin.....	4	247	90	5	1		10	234				12	3	33	167		51	640	East Berlin, " "
Total, 17.		29	5536	3722	311	23	253	94	4849	67		20	153	28	367	4139	10	$5790	$18979	

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud't's for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'al Purposes.		
Wm. R. H. Deatrick	New Bloomfield	3	375	152	23	11	37	11	361	21			15	3	49	511	1	$318	$1570	Newport, Perry Co.,	Pa.
J. D. Miller	Duncannon	3	194	76	6	1	3	2	156	2			5	2	36	190	1	248	591	Marysville, "	"
Wm. H. Groh	Sulphur Springs	4	194	81	9	1	3	3	173	2		7	5	3	22	102	2	163	781	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.,	"
J. W. Bell	Newburg	1	148	76	8	4	11	1	136	11		4	3	1	16	106		110	558	Newburg, "	"
G. A. House	Landisburg	4	407	203	10	6	16	11	347	5		2	10	4	56	318		338	1197	Landisburg, Perry Co.,	"
Samuel P. Stauffer	Zion's	4	416	285	29	2	26	8	390	14			9	5	58	405	2	327	1033	Blain, "	"
J. M. Runkle	Mechanicsburg	1	257	106	2	4	13	4	204	2			4	1	24	166		475	1982	Mechanicsburg,	"
M. O. Noll	Carlisle	1	324	100	5	3	28	11	278	5			2	1	21	201		300	1848	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.,	"
S. B. Schaefer	Without Charge																				
M. H. Groh	"																				
S. N. Callender, D. D	Sec. B'd For'n Mis.																				
Total, 11.	8	21	2315	1079	92	32	137	51	2045	62		13	53	20	282	1989	6	$2279	$9560		

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud's for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregati'al Purposes.		
F. A. Rupley D. D.	Without Charge																			Martinsburg,	Pa.
W. A. Long	Hickory Bottom	3	372	122	14	5	20	19	332	7			4	3	45	276		$164	$947	"	"
John W. Pontius	Martinsburg	2	340	160	5	3	15	16	298	7		1	5	2	28	197	1	318	752	"	"
S. Charles Stover	Dunning's Creek	3	276	157	14	3	13	4	249	8			14	3		244		163	765	Cessna,	"
John F. Moyer	Christ Ch., Altoona	1	550	250	4	4	17	19	456	7		5	2	2	39	309		689	2163	12th Avenue, Altoona,	"
Simon U. Waugaman	Greenfield	4	434	556	29	8	35	2	361	5		35	14	5	49	430		324	5769	Claysburg,	"
Daniel G. Hetrick.	Schellsburg	3	217	185	35	4	17	1	209	4			6	2	20	115		132	503	Schellsburg,	"
Titus C. Strock	Woodcock Valley	5	433	292	21	5	16	12	393	16		19	4	5	60	439	2	126	1390	James Creek,	"
E. W. Stonebraker	Yellow Creek	2	183	100	16	5	19	7	152	9			11	2				245	700	Loysburg,	"
Ambrose C. Geary	Friends' Cove	3	200	175	14	2	14	9	175	3			5	3	32	195		120	750	Charlesville,	"
Homer S. May	Sulphur Springs	3	364	233	24	3	36	8	304	2			3	1	12	110		146	611	Mann's Choice,	"
William H. Landis.	Orbisonia	3	84	66	2	2	5	9	84	9			5	2	17	110		79	432	Orbisonia,	"
Eugene L. McLean	Everett	2	139	90	18	4	7	9	116	5			4	1	18	150		207	1166	Everett,	"
Lewis Robb	Trinity Ch., Altoona.	1	300	150	17	3	15	18	265	9		5	2	1	33	306		212	2208	611 8th Street, Altoona,	"
Louis C. Harnish	Clear Ridge	3	110	30	2	7	16	4	105			1	3	2	17	152	1	50	441	Clearville,	"
Fred. A. Rupley, Jr.	Water Street	3	431	188	11	3	13	12	380	8			14	2	34	172	2	489	1000	Alexandria,	"
Chas. E. Creitz.	Huntingdon	1	278	100	11	3	4	6	230	2		11	4	1	30	210	1	345	1173	Huntingdon,	"
Chas. H. Slinghoff	McConnellstown	3	345	140	11	6	11	6	291	7	1		4	3	41	299	2	185	4140	McConnellstown,	"
Irwin W. Hendricks	Bedford	1	164	76	16	1	9	3	151	9		13	1	1	17	140		117	1196	Bedford,	"
Vacant	St. Clairsville	3	350	170	13	1	18	7	264	1			7	2	33	257		390	859	St. Clairsville,	"
Harry E. Jones	Without Charge																			Collegeville,	"
Total, 20.		49	5570	3240	277	72	297	161	4815	118	1	90	112	43	525	4111	9	$4501	$25965		

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud't's for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregati'l Purposes.	
John Gantenbein	Without Charge.																			Philadelphia, Pa.
Jacob Muellhaupt	Salem Scio, Mt. Pl'snt.	3	93	80	6				75	1				3		70		$13	$375	352 Marion St., Salem, Ore.
G. Graedel	Ballard	1	33	29	6		5		30				1	1		34		13	198	Ballard, Wash.
H. Liesmann	West Union	1	78	101	7		6	5						1		85		3	186	Glencoe, Ore.
R. Staub	Mink	2	80	51	4		4	2	78	2			1	1		35		41	322	Mink, Ore.
J. G. Schmid	Astoria and Stella	2	32	30	9				23										100	Astoria, Ore.
J. G. Biegert	Seattle.	1	26	26	12			4	24			3	1	1		54		83	169	Seattle, Wash.
Th. Wartmann	Portland	1	100	110	25		8							1		80		20	600	Portland, Ore.
G. Hafner	Washougal	1	16	12	2				12					1		9		27	77	Washougal, Wash.
A. H. Baumann	Merdian	1	74	47	3		3	2	46				2	1		41		21	700	Wilsonville, Ore.
Total, 10.		13	532	486	74		26	13	288	3		3	5	10		408		$221	$2727	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, A. D. 1895.

Classes.	Classes.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'l Purposes.
Zion's		13	33	4642	2592	277	46	255	134	3779	33		109	118	46	367	4749	5	$3527 00	$15896 00
Maryland		39	62	8975	4578	517	42	401	256	7183	205		103	196	57	958	7357	9	9228 00	45335 00
Mercersburg		17	26	3407	1799	147	97	199	143	2848	71		179	74	26	408	2720	6	3398 81	16775 83
Virginia		18	32	2390	1173	105	30	117	24	1957	20		17	56	27	306	1864	3	2150 00	12338 00
North Carolina		17	40	3140	1857	126	54	265	85	2575	30	3	38	39	33	250	2448	6	1130 00	6309 00
Gettysburg		17	29	5536	3722	311	23	253	94	4849	67		20	153	28	367	4139	10	5790 00	18979 00
Carlisle		11	21	2315	1079	92	32	137	51	2045	62		13	53	20	282	1989	6	2279 00	9560 00
Juniata		20	49	5570	3240	277	72	297	161	4815	118	1	90	112	43	525	4111	9	4501 00	25965 00
Portland-Oregon		10	13	532	486	74		26	13	288	3		3	5	10		408		221 00	2727 00
Synod of Potomac (Total)	9	162	305	36507	20526	1926	396	1950	961	30339	609	4	572	806	290	3463	29785	54	$32224 81	$153884 83
Eastern Synod	11	271	514	94036	51579	4567	607	4325	2285	77192	1430	2	1375	2678	617	8469	70504	118	92258 00	419695 88
Synod of Ohio	6	126	228	21682	6232	726	627	1416	905	17717	357	4	868	382	202	2923	21302	30	20830 00	113443 00
Synod of Pittsburg	5	71	136	16276	9793	832	134	725	508	13727	358	1	468	297	121	1226	10556	12	16744 00	73498 00
Synod of the Northwest	10	143	218	20942	14564	2015	25	1068	862	15137	293	8	483	508	191	718	11679	37	13470 00	101816 00
German Synod of the East	5	56	56	14393	10102	2295	33	782	792	11411	95		573	485	55	1084	10892	14	8271 00	82628 00
Central Synod	4	82	114	19771	11722	1244	58	805	760	14592	246	8	489	488	105	1579	14096	33	17005 00	99912 00
Synod of the Interior	5	50	68	2965	1261	153	90	221	194	2320	95		122	49	62	634	3614	6	3597 25	21911 60
Total, 1895, 8 District Synods	55	961	1639	226572	125779	13758	1970	11292	7267	182437	3483	27	4950	5693	1643	20096	172428	304	$204400 06	$1066789 31
Total, 1894, 8 District Synods	55	938	1646	221473	123333	14762	1969	11289	8238	176828	3576	19	4499	5393	1610	16431	162230	291	257949 28	1017625 57

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